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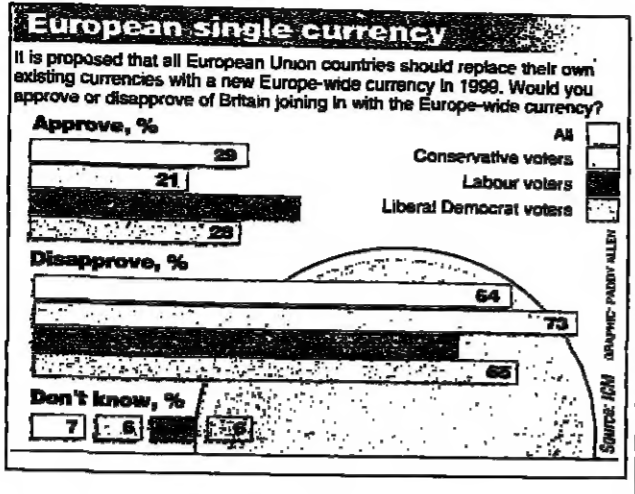
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# European single currency opposed by 2 in 3 Britons



**Martin Kettle**

**B** RITISH voters are overwhelmingly opposed to joining the planned European single currency, according to a Guardian/ICM poll published today — Europe Day.

Opposition to the replacement of the pound by the euro is running at more than two to one, confirming John Major's remark last week that a referendum would decide against British participation in the single currency.

The pollsters asked voters whether they approved or disapproved of Britain joining the European Union's

planned replacement of existing currencies in 1999. Only 29 per cent said they approved, compared with 64 per cent who disapproved. Seven per cent were not known.

This tide of public opinion poses serious problems for all the British political parties. The poll underlines that there are clear majorities against the single currency among supporters of all parties. Conservative voters oppose the move by 73 to 21 per cent, Liberal Democrats by 65 to 28 and Labour voters are also decisively opposed, by 57 to 36.

The only encouraging news for supporters of the European currency is that tomorrow may belong to them.

There is a narrow lead in favour of the euro among young voters. Among those aged 16 to 24, British participation is supported by 48 per cent, with 44 per cent opposed. All older age groups disapprove of British involvement.

The results follow a survey last week for the European newspaper, showing that German voters currently oppose the single currency by 53 to 40 per cent, in contrast to their French counterparts, who support it by 67 to 29 per cent.

As if to compound the party strategists still further, there has been a sharp fall in Labour's lead over the Conservatives, cancelling out the

rise in last month's ICM survey. The current state of the parties in the new poll shows Labour on 45 per cent (down 5 per cent compared with April), Conservatives 28 (down 1), Liberal Democrats 21 (up 4), and others 5 (up 1). Labour's lead over the Conservatives, which rose 7 points in April to 21 per cent, has now slid back to 17.

Labour's rating underlines the softness of the party's opinion poll support, and will confirm Tony Blair in his repeated warnings that Labour victory in the general election cannot be taken for granted.

Nevertheless the overall picture remains very good for

Labour, because there is no sign of any Conservative recovery to offset Labour losses. The big gainers this month are Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrats, whose strong showing in the English local elections last week has helped to boost the party's opinion poll rating to its second strongest showing in the past year.

ICM interviewed a random telephone sample of 1,200 adults aged 18 and over between May 3-5, 1996. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.



# Major faces votes trap

Michael White  
Political Editor

**J** OHN Major's hopes of political survival into 1997 were again placed in the hands of disaffected Eurosceptics and Ulster Unionists last night as rebel Tories and Tony Blair's shadow cabinet each laid down a menacing gauntlet over Europe.

Despite acknowledged dangers that a premature move to bring the Government down could rebound in Mr Major's favour, Labour strategists decided to trigger a vote on next week's Commons debate on the EU's Common Agricultural Policy — including the Cabinet's handling of the beef crisis.

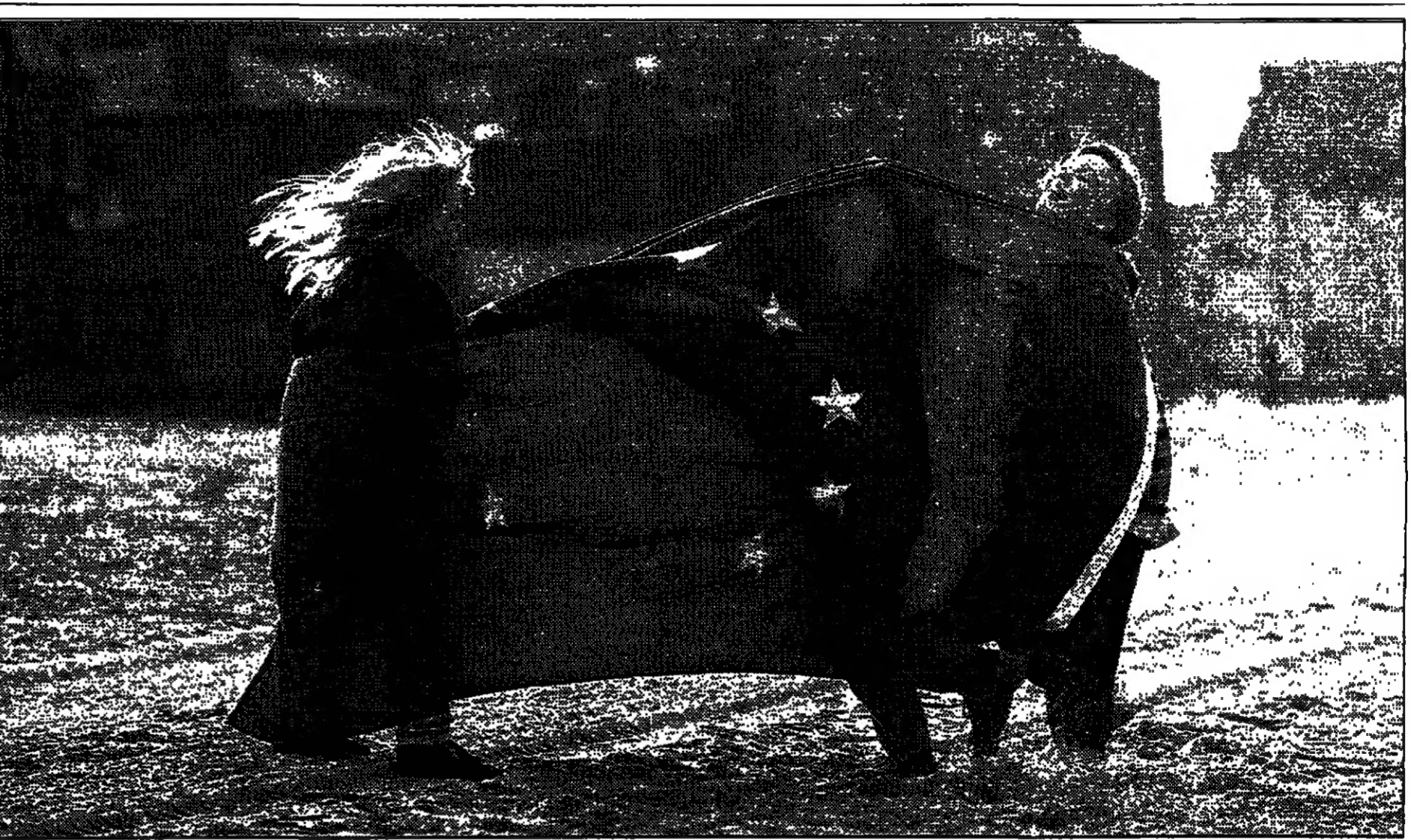
With John Redwood yesterday outlining his strategy for saving Conservative election prospects with a lunch to the "right" — including a firm "No" to the single currency project — the Prime Minister was

also served notice by the former "whiplash eight" Tory MPs that they will force a vote next month on a bill of referendum on British membership of the EU.

Though the Government has a Commons majority of only one, the odds remain on Mr Major scraping through both challenges, not least because Mr Redwood and his allies oppose a simple "In or Out" referendum and David Trimble's Ulster Unionists are not keen to bring him down at this stage in the peace process.

But the flare-up underlines just how delicate the Cabinet's position is as it manoeuvres towards an early summer recess which — most ministers hope — will leave only the Queen's Speech hurdle in October to surmount in order to survive until 1997.

Ministerial ill-ease was evident in plans for Wednesday's CAP debate. Normally it is held on terms allowing amendments to be tabled which — over fish last year —



Edinburgh children flying the EU flag yesterday as government buildings in Scotland marked Europe Day by banning it and the EU hit back with a poster for schools PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MARRIOTT

led to an awkward symbolic defeat. Instead it will be debated on a simple adjournment motion, designed to stop Mr Blair constructing the kind of catch-all amendment which attracted Tory support on the Scott report — when Mr Major won by two.

The referendum bill of right-wing Tory MP, Teresa Coleman, in June will also become a test of strength and party cohesion.

Mr Redwood and the sceptics believe they are doing the

Prime Minister a favour by rescuing him from unpopular policies and a likely Labour government. During the launch of the former Welsh secretary's latest pamphlet, Action, Not Words, he attacked Labour across a swathe of policies, notably high taxes where Tory strategists believe they are gaining ground.

But Mr Redwood also described his plans as nothing short of a "call to arms", and appealed to Mr Major, once

and for all, to rule out membership of a single currency in the lifetime of the next parliament.

It is something which the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, again made clear yesterday that he would not countenance.

And in a speech in London last night, the deputy prime minister, Michael Heseltine, also struck an unabashed pro-European note, even as he warned Brussels that "we will often take issue with the more

centralist, corporatist, protectionist approach of some of our European colleagues."

Further signs of tension will emerge in BBC2's Poisoned Chalice tonight when Mr Major and his ex-chancellor, Norman Lamont, are seen disputing the credit for inventing Britain's Maastricht Treaty "opt-outs".

## Blacks sue over minstrels' flat note

Ian Katz in New York

**T** HE summit of more than 700 black American dignitaries and African government officials at the Club Med resort in Senegal was going swimmingly until a pair of entertainers took to the stage at a reception.

The performers were white but had been made up with black faces and white lips. To the horror and fury of the all-black crowd, they launched into a minstrel routine.

Now the black civil rights group that staged the summit is suing Club Med for the display of insensitivity which it says left "a dark cloud" over the meeting and damaged its reputation in the black community.

"Times have changed and portraying black people as ignorant fools who stumble around and don't speak the language properly just isn't acceptable," said Robert Cohen, the lawyer representing several delegates and the Phoenix-based International Foundation for Education and Self-Help.

Twenty-one African heads of state joined African-American leaders including the Reverend Jesse Jackson, the late United States commerce secretary Ron Brown, and the mayor of Washington DC, Marion Barry, at the gathering in May 1995 to discuss how US blacks could help solve Africa's economic problems.

According to the \$5 million (£3.3 million) lawsuit filed in a Manhattan federal court this week, many

in the crowd reacted with "outrage, indignation and anger" to the performance at the Club Med resort in Les Almadies, outside Dakar.

The Reverend Leon Sullivan, a prominent African-American activist who drew up the so-called "Sullivan principles" for US and European engagement with South Africa during apartheid, quickly ushered the entertainers from the stage.

Rev Sullivan apparently managed to calm the crowd but the summit organisers claim in their lawsuit that "repercussions from the black face incident... tainted much of what we achieved."

The plaintiffs added that Club Med staff "did absolutely nothing to avoid the

presentation of the... skit or help ease the tense situation created by the incident." No Club Med spokesperson was available for comment yesterday.

Some who attended the summit said the black-face skit was reminiscent of Amos and Andy, the popular television and radio show about two caricature black men that was pulled off the air in the 1950s for being racially insensitive.

Minstrel shows were extremely popular throughout the 19th century, but are now seen as the height of political incorrectness.

"It would be unacceptable to perform one in just about any context," Mr Cohen said. "It was painfully inappropriate at a conference of African-American and African leaders."

## Football chief resigns in row over championship tickets

Martin Thorpe and John Duncan

**E** NGLAND'S biggest international sporting event for 30 years has been hit by a row over tickets involving the Football Association's commercial director, Trevor Phillips.

Mr Phillips resigned on Tuesday, just four weeks before the European Championship, after being interviewed by police and following a meeting with the FA chief executive, Graham Kelly. He is alleged to have sanctioned the allocation of tickets for hospitality packages to a company not authorised by the soccer authorities to operate them.

There is no suggestion that he sought or obtained any pecuniary advantage.

The sale of all tickets for

Euro 96 is strictly monitored to prevent them reaching the black market and threatening the segregation and security arrangements put in place to avoid crowd trouble. It is also an offence under the Criminal Justice Act to sell or offer for sale tickets for a designated football match if not authorised to do so by the event organisers.

Only two companies, Keith Frowse and Sportsworld, are authorised to sell hospitality packages for Euro 96.

Mr Phillips's involvement came to light following police raids on April 30 on 13 central London ticket agencies and businesses offering hospitality packages for Euro 96.

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## Prague Writers' Festival 1996

This year the Prague Writers' Festival, directed by Michael March, will once again showcase a selection of fine authors from around the world. Meet them at the Viola Theatre, Národní 7, (nearest metro Národní) from May 9-11. For more details call: 44 171 7134133

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Sketch

Treading water, staying afloat



Simon Hoggart

THE House yesterday debated the important subject of the new water companies. These are the result of what was probably the first truly unpopular privatisation. Their incompetence and greed make them a perfect target even for New Labour — which won't renationalise, but can look forward to years of agreeable whingeing.

It was a Labour motion before the House, so naturally there were only six Labour backbenchers there to listen to the debate.

It pitched the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, against his opposite number, Frank Dobson. Mr Dobson is Old Labour, and Mr Gummer is Old, Old Tory — indeed, he is the Andrei Gromyko of the Conservative Party, surviving every purge and each change of leadership.

If Mr Portillo takes over after the election, Gummer will be there. If the Left stages a putsch and forces the anti-Europeans into a separate party (or trucks them to a forest clearing and machine-guns the lot), Gummer will be in the Central Office Politburo, keeping his head down, threatening nobody.

There is a reason for this. Mr Gummer is getting younger every year. I own a photograph of him when he was nothing but a lad, 36 years ago, and the MP for Lewisham. In those days he resembled a grizzled seafarer. He had a grizzled beard and looked slightly like Frank Dobson does now.

He also had a reputation as a ladies' man, and possessed a set of sexy pillows with the word "Yes" on one side and "No" on the other. I am told these could be displayed to indicate whether or not you wanted to enjoy a milky bedtime drink, or something.

But the years have fallen away. I suspect that, having since married and had children, he has had his virginity surgically restored, like Doris Day.

The result was that yesterday Frank Dobson looked like the ringleader of the Islanders in Whisky Galore, and Mr Gummer was the Customs and Excise man sent to tell them they weren't allowed to drink it.

Mr Dobson made his standard speech on water. It's a good speech, and loses little in the repetition. The chief executive of Yorkshire Water, he said, had been fired after telling people not to bathe. "So he went from no bath to early both."

The pay and the perks the bosses had awarded themselves constituted an insult to the public — who would be needed to prevent another disaster next year. "The ability of the water companies to maintain supplies this summer will depend on the co-operation of the people they have insulted."

This was meaty stuff. Word had clearly flashed round the House like wildfire, and midway through his speech the number of Labour backbenchers present had rocketed to nine.

"In Harrogate," he read, adding, "no, it says here, 'Horrogate'." Dennis Skinner snarled: "It is Harrogate, now Lamont's got it."

"There's a story," mused Mr Dobson, "that he got the seat by telling them: 'Je ne regrette rien!'"

What nonsense! The vulgar demotic "nowt" has never been heard in Harrogate, except possibly by a humble artisan brought in to rewind the floral clock.

By now there were fully six Labour backbenchers listening to the debate.

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David Sainsbury, chairman of the supermarket chain, pushes his wares at a London store yesterday. The company would take 'decisive action', he said. PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER

Profits fall jolts Sainsbury

Sharper marketing and loyalty card to pull back £100 million

Roger Cowe

SAINSBURY yesterday unveiled a tough marketing campaign aimed at reviving its fortunes, after announcing its first fall in profits since becoming a public company in 1973.

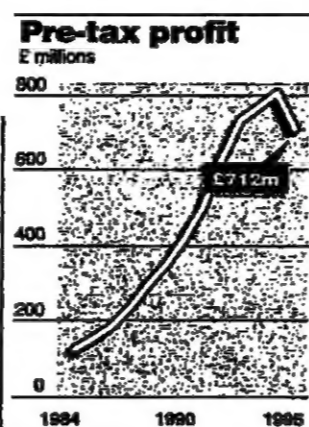
David Sainsbury, the chairman, said the 12 per cent or near-£100 million fall in profit to £713 million was unacceptable but would be reversed by a new marketing-led approach which had emerged from a four-month review.

"This is not a satisfactory financial performance, but we have taken decisive action to enhance our competitive position for the future," he said. He promised recovery would come from a stream of marketing initiatives, including a loyalty card to match Tesco's successful Clubcard, which gives customers discount vouchers based on how much they spend.

Mr Sainsbury had initially dismissed Clubcard when it was launched by Tesco last year, and Sainsbury abandoned plans to introduce a competitor card at the beginning of this year. Sainsbury's card will be launched in the next few weeks, and will be followed by a credit card, run in conjunction with a bank.

The group's new marketing director, Kevin McCarten, stressed that the loyalty card would only be the start of a

sharp marketing and loyalty card to pull back £100 million



sustained effort to win back lost customers. Other elements will include an advertising campaign which will mark a departure from the chain's traditional, low-key approach.

The supermarket chain will also expand its Economy range of cut-price products, but signalled that it was not entering a new spiral in the price war.

Mr McCarten said these developments had emerged from a radical review of the supermarket business. "We have looked at everything. There were no sacred cows," he said.

The review's conclusion was that the company's strategy is sound but has been poorly executed. Sainsbury's price and product range has not been promoted aggressively enough, while the own-label products have been too dominant in smaller stores, restricting the number of brands.

Total supermarket sales grew last year by almost 6 per cent to just over £10 billion. But that growth came from new and expanded stores, as well as inflation. Excluding inflation, sales from comparable stores fell by 2 per cent.

In an attempt to stem that fall, Sainsbury cut prices, advertised heavily and recruited 5,000 extra staff to improve services.

The combination of lower prices, poor sales, the petrol price war and the cost of extra services knocked £40 million off the chain's profits. Matters were made worse by the BSE scare, which cost £8 million, lower profits from the Savacentre hypermarket operation, and the costs of converting the Texas chain of DIY stores, acquired last year, to the Homebase format.

In the City, the results were greeted with relief that there would be no intensification of the supermarket price war, and that Sainsbury now has a clearer strategy for fighting Tesco, Safeway and Asda.

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The mistakes

- Thought their 1980s formula was invincible
Tried to ignore the price war
Launched "Essential for the Essentials" campaign in a belated and doomed attempt to join the price war
Cut costs too much, which hit service levels
Ridiculed Tesco's Clubcard loyalty scheme
Bought Texas Homecare DIY chain
Launched "Everyone's Favourite Ingredient" campaign, which made Sainsbury look expensive
Put too much own-label products in the stores
Allowed Safeway to steal young family customers
Left store operations get sloppy

First night

French farce and furious action

Michael Billington

Mimi Beate Linné

Haymarket, London

COMPARISONS, says Dogberry, are odorous. But it is impossible not to contrast Peter Hall's revival of Feydeau's Mind Millie For Me with Roger Planchon's current version of the same play, Occupe-toi d'Amélie, at the Comédie Française. Hall's production is brisk, bright-hued and funny; Planchon's, which runs an hour longer, has fewer laughs but a greater sense of reality.

The point is relevant since this is late Feydeau, from 1908, in which the famous farcical clockwork is imbued with humanity. The central figure is Millie, a kindly Parisian cocotte, who provides for her family. But when her lover, Etienne, goes away on military service, she is left in the care of his friend, Marcel, and even agrees to a fake marriage ceremony so he can inherit a fortune. Etienne suddenly returns and, assuming Millie and Marcel have slept together, venally fixes the "marriage" so it is legal.

Feydeau, as always, is full of bizarre invention and bad taste: the latter exemplified by the glee with which the wedding guests inspect what they think is a fake cyst on the head of the mayor executing the marriage. But, underneath the farcical mechanics, there is genuine pain: Etienne's apparent betrayal reminds us of Feydeau was much more than a heartless mathematician.

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Misanthropic Bergman bans 'lousy' play's New York run

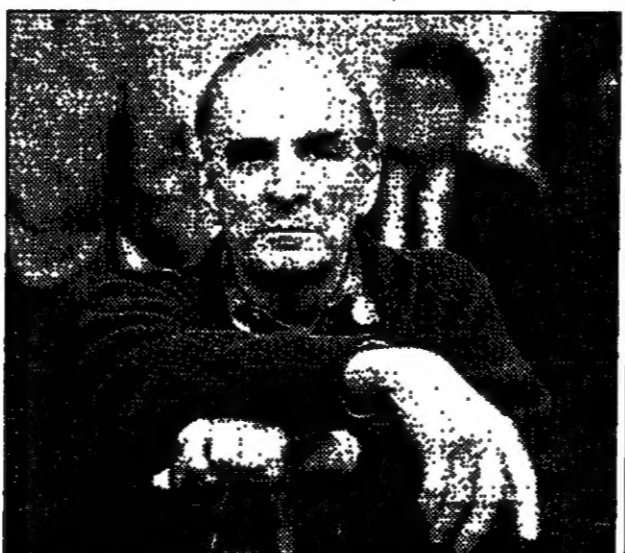
Jon Henley in Helsinki

THE Oscar-winning Swedish film director Ingmar Bergman, famed for his bleak portrayals of guilt and loneliness, was himself cast in the role of antisocial ingrate yesterday after calling his production of Molière's Le Misanthrope "lousy" and refusing to transfer it to New York.

"This is a very hard decision to understand and accept," Ann-Christine Jernberg of Stockholm's Royal Dramatic Theatre said. "But Mr Bergman has never compromised as an artist and we just have to respect his view."

Mr Bergman's highly-praised production, which last week completed 118 performances at the Royal, had been due to start a guest run at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on June 8. But the director cancelled the transfer yesterday morning, hours before the sets and costumes were to be shipped to New York.

"He came to see the final performance and said it wasn't the same show as the one he produced," Ms Jernberg said. "He called a meeting of the cast and apparently told them it was lousy and not fit to take to New York. He was very critical of some individual performances."



Ingmar Bergman... very critical of some performances

four Oscars for Fanny and Alexander in 1984. Mr Bergman said last November he planned to retire from the theatre this year to his home on the windswept island of Faro, which provided the bleak light and melancholy settings for many of his films.

Lars Ring, the film critic of the Svenska Dagbladet daily, asked: "Is it possible that Bergman has himself become a misanthrope in his old age?"

EC recommends lifting of beef byproduct ban

Stephen Bates and Michael White

THE European Commission offered a cautious concession to the Government in the beef crisis yesterday by agreeing to recommend lifting the ban on byproducts such as gelatine, tallow, and semen when veterinary experts from the member states meet next week.

Downing Street seized on the move as proof that Britain's painful efforts to rebuild confidence in its beef industry are beginning to produce results. Though marginal to the main problem, the byproducts concession is vital to the pharmaceutical industry which uses gelatine for the capsules of many products.

"This is a welcome step, but we want to see what further work is undertaken by the scientific and veterinary committee," said a Downing Street official. "We have a hell of a long way to go."

But ministers' hopes of an early end to the worldwide ban were immediately dented when Germany insisted it would not agree to easing the

embargo, raising fresh doubts in Brussels about whether even a limited relaxation of the rules is likely to be agreed. A German government spokesman said: "The British have not come up with a convincing system for combating BSE. We don't see how Germany could agree to a relaxation of the ban until Britain has come up with a convincing plan of eradication."

The commission agreed to recommend relaxing the byproducts ban following sustained political pressure from Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Secretary, and diplomatic lobbying from British officials in Brussels.

In addition Franz Fischler, the agriculture commissioner, promised to bring forward details of a compensation package on May 27. Lifting the byproducts ban is seen as a necessary first step towards a more general relaxation of the embargo on beef meat, which other member states see as unlikely before autumn at the earliest.

The recommendation to the expert committee will make clear that Britain must adopt new production conditions to

ensure safety. Skulls, vertebral columns, brains, spinal cords, eyes, tonsils, thymus, intestines and spleens will not be allowed to be used. Although technically the byproducts ban could be lifted next week — the commission would have to endorse the committee's recommendation — monitoring of the new measures would have to be in place and they would have to be seen to be working before gelatine, tallow and semen could go back on the market.

How the vets will vote at Wednesday's meeting remains problematic. They twice voted by 14 to one in favour of the outright British ban five weeks ago and an alliance of three or more states could block the move.

Diplomats scoffed at John Major's suggestion earlier in the week of a heads of government summit to resolve the crisis, saying that if the agriculture ministers were unable to agree it was highly unlikely he would be able to effect a change of heart. "He would just be humiliated. A complete lifting of the ban is not on at this stage," said one Scandinavian diplomat.

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# MPs urged to break secrecy in Whitehall

Richard Norton-Taylor

SIR Richard Scott, author of the arms-to-Iraq report, last night urged MPs to be far more assertive in demanding information from Whitehall, even to the extent of instituting contempt proceedings against ministers who refuse to provide official documents or who ban civil servants from giving evidence to Commons select committees.

He said Britain needed a freedom of information act and that the convention whereby ministers refused to answer questions on subjects simply on the grounds that they had not done so in the past needed "serious and urgent revision".

He told the Commons public service committee that it was "complete nonsense" to say his 1,800-page report contained no clear conclusions. Asked whether the Government had acted in a way that was constitutionally improper in the arms-to-Iraq scandal, he replied: "Yes, I said so."

Sir Richard said he had also made clear that ministers had behaved in a way they should not have done and that parliament was deprived of accurate information.

He told the MPs that claims

made by the Treasury and the Cabinet Office, in a government press pack issued on the day his report was published, contained inaccurate information.

The Treasury claimed that Sir Richard had concluded William Waldegrave had not misled parliament, while the Cabinet Office denied that ministers had misled parliament over export policy towards Iraq.

"Ministerial accountability is a very important institutional doctrine... the provision of information is the key," he said. There was no reason why parliament should not be told the quantities of arms it exported and the buyers.

He also revealed that Christopher Muttukumar, the Scott inquiry secretary, had been intimidated to the extent that senior Whitehall officials — including Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary — engaged in angry exchanges with Mr Muttukumar over the inquiry's procedures and arrangements.

Mr Muttukumar is now a senior legal adviser in the Ministry of Defence.

# Football chief resigns after row over Euro 96 tickets

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ready contacted the businesses, which were offering packages costing between £166 and £475 plus VAT.

During the raids, conducted under the title Operation Fortent, 18 people were arrested, questioned by police and released to report back in three weeks. No one has been charged.

One of the companies raided was the National Sporting Club, whose non-executive chairman is the former England test cricketer Bob Willis. His brother David is a director. A female employee and another director, Stephen Haymer, were arrested.

It is understood that Mr Phillips was interviewed shortly afterwards and last Friday police visited the offices of Synchro, the official Euro 96 ticket distributors, in

the company of the Euro 96 tournament director, Glen Kirton, and the FA's deputy chief executive, Pat Smith.

The police questioned the company about how the unauthorised businesses were offering hospitality packages for Euro 96, and checked Synchro's computer database, which contains the details of every ticket purchaser for Euro 96. It is understood police were then told that Mr Phillips had authorised some of the allocation.

Police questioned Mr Phillips again, after which he met Mr Kelly and resigned from his £100,000-a-year post. Mr Phillips was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Mr Kirton issued a statement yesterday stressing the determination to clamp down on anyone flouting the rules which govern the sale and purchase of Euro 96 tickets.



A monument to those killed is unveiled in the 1950s

# Ex-SS captain stands accused of multiple homicide in a wartime massacre he called 'legitimate retaliation'

John Hooper in Rome witnesses an emotional start to the court hearing

# Nazi war crimes trial opens in chaos

LOOKING elegant, buoyant and implausibly fit for a man of 82, Erich Priebke, a former SS officer, strode into court here yesterday at the start of what is expected to be the last Nazi war crimes trial.

The hearing opened the day after a court in The Hague began proceedings for "crimes against humanity" for the first time since Nuremberg.

The ex-captain is accused of multiple homicide. He has admitted playing a key role in Italy's most notorious wartime massacre — the killing of 335 people at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome.

His trial, by a military tribunal, began in chaotic and emotional fashion in a courtroom measuring 20 feet by 44.

One lawyer complained he had had to stand throughout yesterday's session and had been unable to set out his trial brief. Reporters were escorted in small groups into the court to witness the proceedings for a few minutes.

Most of the victims' relatives had to watch on closed-circuit television. One fainted from heat and emotion.

A woman said: "I was 15 when I lost my father. We were hiding some American POWs. Because of a tip-off from a fascist, the Germans came and took my father. They told us he'd been taken to Germany. It wasn't true. He'd been imprisoned in Rome, then killed at the Ardeatine Caves. Priebke? They should send him to the toughest possible jail. I shall never forgive him."

Outside, Communist demonstrators chanted: "Fascists. For you, there is no tomorrow. The new partisans are forming up." Wartime guilt has become a burning issue since the rise of the neo-fascist-led National Alliance which took one vote in seven at last month's election.

Priebke was extradited to Italy after being tracked down in Argentina by a United States television network. He admitted at his indictment hearing that he had killed two of the victims and called out the names of 100 of those who were shot.

He expressed sorrow but described the massacre as "merely legitimate" wartime

retaliation. He argued that if he had refused to carry out his orders he would have been killed.

The dead — including a boy aged 14, Roman Catholic priests and 76 Jews — were shot in reprisal for a bomb attack by partisans in which 33 German soldiers died.

The chief rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, sparked outrage among the city's 15,000 Jews last month when he said that, if found guilty, Priebke should serve out his sentence under house arrest.

Yesterday, the case was given another twist by Il Giornale, the newspaper owned by the family of the media magnate Silvio Berlusconi. On its front page, it published a photograph of the severed head of an Italian boy who, it said, had been killed in the partisan attack.

Il Giornale quoted the boy's twin brother, Giovanni Zuccheretti, now aged 65, as saying the partisans allowed the bomb to explode knowing it would kill an innocent child.

In fact, Priebke was rather more than an ordinary soldier faced with an impossible

dilemma. Documents unearthed in the US and reported for the first time yesterday indicate that even before the war he belonged to a Gestapo unit which kept lists of Nazis' perceived enemies.

The papers also suggest that, shortly before the end of the war, Heinrich Himmler, the SS chief, assigned him to special, though tantalisingly ill-defined, duties.

According to Robert Katz, author of a book on the Ardeatine Caves massacre, Priebke was in the commando group which located and rescued Benito Mussolini after the former dictator's overthrow.

Writing in yesterday's La Stampa, Mr Katz said Priebke was also implicated in the arrest and deportation to Auschwitz many of Rome's Jews.

The Italian news agency AGI reported that papers in the national archives in Washington showed that, on December 2 1936, Priebke enrolled in a special Gestapo section known as the Gestapo. It quoted the historian Heinz Höhne as saying the Gestapo kept "a card file known as 'A'

which included the particulars of all dangerous subversives".

The 'A' file was used to prepare the March 1937 round-up of 2,000 opponents of the Nazi regime who were sent to Dachau and Sachsenhausen.

The documents showed that Priebke joined the SS on September 30 1937 and was assigned to Office IV of the S-

cherheitsdienst, which specialised in dealing with opponents of the regime. A letter of August 31 1944 informs him he has received a "special assignment from the Reichsführer-SS and should proceed for further instructions to the nearest secretariat of Office IV".

The first evidence in the trial will be given tomorrow.

Erich Priebke, aged 82, arrives at a court in Rome yesterday. He has admitted a key role in the massacre of 335 people

# Minister ends trainspotters torment

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

TRAINSPOTTERS can breathe a sigh of relief. British Rail's distinctive "double arrow" logo will continue to appear on tickets, timetables and at stations, ending fears that it might disappear after privatisation.

John Watts, the railways minister, said in a parliamentary answer yesterday that the rights and control of the famous trademark passed earlier this week into the ownership of the Transport Secretary — currently Sir George Young.

It will then be licensed to British Rail — for continued use as its corporate logo — to Railtrack for use at stations and at other sites, and to privatised train operators which must use it on most types of tickets. No royalties will be charged for use of the symbol, Mr Watts said, which will continue to be used as a traffic sign.

The logo was devised in 1965 by a consultancy called



Beeching-inspired design: staying on track in private world

Design Research Unit, as a strong visual symbol for the revamped British Rail and the new look network, slimmer down as a result of the infamous Beeching cuts.

Dr Beeching, then the British Railways chairman, set out in an article in the Financial Times in 1964 the need for "a mark powerful enough to symbolise the service it stands for, a distinctive name style and logo type for the title of the undertakings with

recognition value than the Michelin man.

At the same time, it quickly became recognised abroad as a potent symbol of one of Britain's biggest nationalised industries, and arguably its most important transport system.

Critics of privatisation have expressed concern that the excessive fragmentation of the rail network would prompt an avalanche of different logos and design styles.

BR has been broken up into nearly 100 separate organisations for the sell-off, and the private operators taking over the 25 separate passenger businesses have been keen to promote their own corporate identity: on trains, staff uniforms and elsewhere.

Labour's transport campaigner, Glenda Jackson, said last night: "Sir George Young is using the British Rail logo as a figleaf to cover his embarrassment at destroying the rail network.

"It will remain a monument to the Government's obsession with privatisation."

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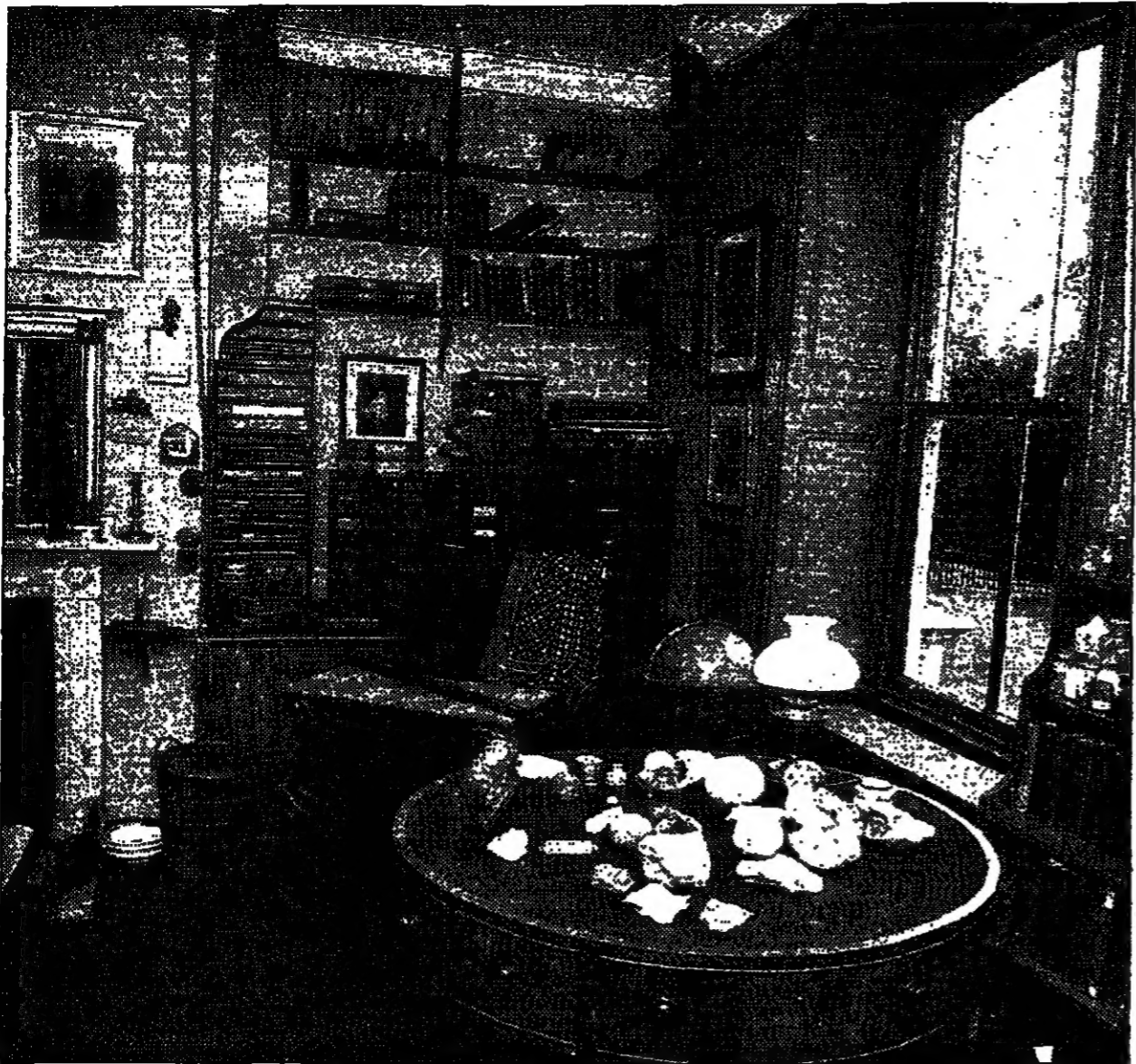
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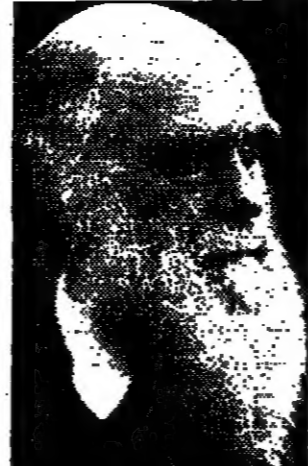
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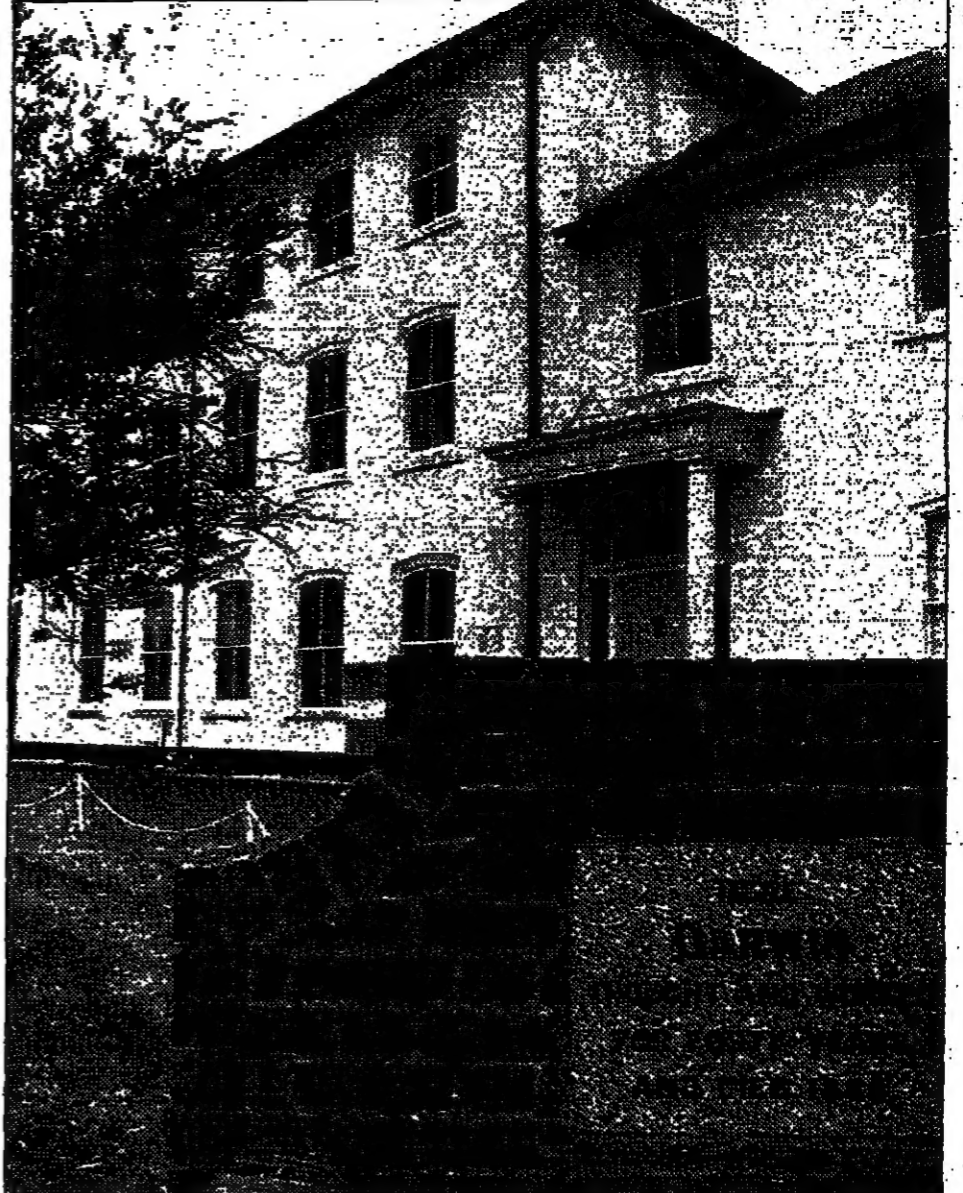


The study where the Origin of Species was written, and, above right, Charles Darwin



### Lottery cash helps to save Darwin house

Maev Kennedy on a rescue deal



Down House, decaying gently for years, will be renovated and will reopen next summer

CHARLES Darwin's house in Kent has been saved. The ailing museum has been bought by English Heritage with more than £2 million in grants from the Heritage Lottery fund and the Wellcome Trust.

The house was in danger of being auctioned off, and its original contents, including many Darwin papers, being scattered. The chairman of English Heritage, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, rejoiced in the acquisition yesterday. Down House, near Biggin Hill in Kent, was the home of Darwin, author of The Origin

of Species, for 40 years until his death in 1882. He worked out his theories tramping every day on the same path round and round the garden, and wrote sitting in an armchair in the house. It has been decaying gently for years, and looked doomed when a £3.2 million appeal

by the Natural History Museum failed to raise enough money in time. The house, and more than 30 acres of gardens and parkland, had been leased and run as a museum by the Natural History Museum, but that lease ran out at the end of last year. Down House has been

owned by the Royal College of Surgeons since 1962, but the college could no longer afford to maintain it or to pay for urgent repairs. The president of the college, Sir Rodney Sweetman, heaved a sigh of relief yesterday, saying the house had been a considerable drain on the college. The

transfer would "concentrate its resources on its surgical responsibilities". The compromise deal involves the Natural History Museum passing the £225,000 raised by the appeal, and the Heritage Lottery fund grant of £1.78 million, to English Heri-

tage to restore and maintain the estate. The Wellcome Trust gave English Heritage £230,000 to buy the freehold of the house, and the contents and land, and a further £475,000 to buy the neighbouring three-acre Buckston Browne research farm.

Down House will close today for a complete renovation. At present it is only attracting 5,000 visitors a year, despite being only 16 miles from London. Sir Jocelyn expects that the number of visitors will increase when it reopens in June 1997.

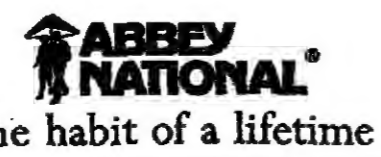
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## Additional £25m to ease NHS crisis

Ministers find cash after health trusts warn of gaps in funding

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

MINISTERS yesterday found more than £25 million extra funding to ease problems at nine pressure points in the National Health Service. The unusual move came after leaders of the NHS Trust Federation told Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, that the service was facing the deepest crisis since the start of the internal market system five years ago. One of the biggest grants — £5 million — is to go to the North and Mid Hampshire health authority, which covers the Winchester constituency of Gerald Malone, the Health Minister. Others are going to hard-pressed inner city health authorities including Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, as well as parts of south London. The largest, of £6.5 million, is for

Solihull. The federation last week warned Mr Dorrell of widespread problems in agreeing contracts between trusts and health authorities because of funding gaps. One area not getting any extra help is Southampton, where the University Hospitals Trust is £11 million short of what it says it needs. The trust is cutting 373 jobs and has agreed with its main purchaser, the Southampton and South West Hampshire authority, to rank its patients in order of clinical priority. Emergency cases will be dealt with first, followed by those considered urgent, with non-urgent going to the back of the queue. The trust, which has yet to sign a contract with the authority, said it was expected that the nine month maximum waiting time achieved last year would "drift out" to about 15 months. Further evidence of the extent of problems came yesterday from the Health Visitors' Association, which reported

cuts in community health services in Grimsby, Powys, Northamptonshire, Nottingham and north, south and east London. Clinics were being closed, school nurses sacked and family planning services wound down. The association said: "It's obvious there is a cash crisis and they are cutting community services because it is becoming too political to close any more hospitals." The Department of Health said the nine authorities receiving help fall into three groups: inner cities undergoing "re-configuration" of services — Leeds and Manchester (£3 million each), Newcastle (£2 million) and Sheffield (£1.25 million); authorities going through "structural change" — Solihull (£2.5 million), Bexley and Greenwich in south London (£2 million) and the Isle of Wight (£1.9 million); and authorities going through "market management changes" — North and Mid Hampshire (£5 million) and Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham in south London (£1 million plus a further, unspecified sum in respect of large numbers of mentally-disordered patients.

## Kidney treatment 'lottery'

Chris Millill, Medical Correspondent

THE Government admitted yesterday that there was "considerable" geographical variation in care given people with kidney disease. One charity warned that a review by the Department of Health of dialysis and other treatments for life-threatening kidney disease had uncovered "a life and death lottery". The National Kidney Federation said the review showed access to treatment depended on where people lived, and not on clinical need, and

added that there was no new government money to improve services as recommended by the department, and no timescale for implementing the review's findings. It is projected that the need for dialysis will virtually double in the next decade, due to an ageing population and changes in lifestyle. Using a measure to give comparability, patients per million, the review found that dialysis treatment varied from 86ppm to 284ppm depending on the area. The waiting list varied from 19ppm to 126ppm depending. The Northern region was one of the best provided, with 28 kidney beds and 24

dialysis stations per million population. South West Thames had the poorest provision, with 5 beds and 5 dialysis stations per million. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, said: "The review reveals considerable geographical variation... it makes it clear that we need to continue to develop the renal services of the NHS." The survey, by the Wessex Institute of Public Health and Surrey university, found that in 1993 there were 19,000 kidney patients; 3,900 in hospital dialysis, 800 in dialysis at home, 4,300 treated by another form of dialysis, CAPD, and 10,000 who had been given a transplanted organ.

## Killer had fantasy of murdering blond boy

Owen Bowcott

THE paedophile murderer who strangled nine-year-old Daniel Handley had previously described identical violent sexual fantasies to a prison officer during therapy sessions, a court heard yesterday. Timothy Morris, aged 23, a florist from Leyton, east London, had told other sex offenders and staff at Wormwood Scrubs jail, south London, he wanted to abduct a "young, blond boy, bugger him and strangle him". Edward Cook, a retired prison officer, told an Old Bailey jury that confessing such a violent fantasy was "very rare". Nearly seven years later,

when he heard a BBC Crimewatch appeal about Daniel's murder, Mr Cook contacted the police and named four possible suspects, including Morris, Brett Tyler and David Gutteridge. Morris has already admitted abducting, sexually assaulting and murdering Daniel Handley, who was snatched off a street in Beckton, east London in October 1994. Tyler, aged 30, of no fixed address, has pleaded guilty to the abduction and sexual assault but denies the murder. Gutteridge, 59, who ran a mini-cab firm in Camberwell, south London, has admitted attempting to pervert the course of justice. During the 1980s all three had served prison sentences in Wormwood Scrubs where

they underwent therapy. Gutteridge, questioned by Rick Tansley, QC, counsel for Tyler, said that for Morris "sex was power and revenge and vengeance". Gutteridge added that from their first meeting, while serving prison sentences for sexual offences, Morris had had a recurring fantasy of wanting to abuse and murder a young boy. A psychiatrist who treats child sex abusers, told the court he saw Morris in 1992, at Gutteridge's instigation. The psychiatrist referred to as Dr B, said he called police when told of a BBC TV Crimewatch programme last May featuring Daniel's murder. "I was sufficiently concerned to mention Morris as a possible suspect," he said. The case continues.

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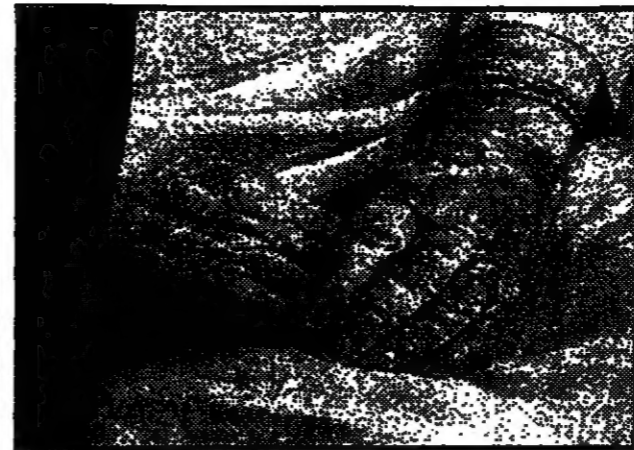
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Antony Williams with his work — 'an honest painting of someone who is 70' — and (above right) the 'swollen fingers and fat wrists, the worn and ill-trimmed nails' that so offend one art critic



# Queen — warts and all

### Sarah Boseley on reactions to latest royal portrait

THE latest portrait of the Queen was unveiled yesterday to a mixture of criticism and acclaim for its depiction of the monarch as a wrinkled, care-worn mortal, devoid of majesty.

Antony Williams, aged 31, who won the commission from the Royal Society of Portrait Painters after being judged the best young portraitist of 1995, defended his work as "an honest painting of someone who is 70". He added: "The lines are there. I painted what I saw."

Art critic Brian Sewell led the offensive against the portrait, now hanging in the Mall Galleries in London. He said the Queen deserved better than to be "perpetuated as an old age pensioner about to lose her bungalow".

The figure had "no symbolism, no soul, no majesty." The hands, with "swollen fingers and fat wrists, the worn and ill-trimmed nails, are those of Murphy's men, relieved of the pneumatic drill, next to grasp a pint of Guinness. Not a wrinkle, crumple, pit or sag is omitted from the Queen's skin, the pink touches scarcely enlivening the unaged grey of her complexion."

But Daphne Todd, the society's president, said: "Artists think it is tremendous. It is full of dignity. At first sight you are aware of all these imperfections in her flesh, but underneath it is an icon."

"The Queen may be a little upset by it at the moment, but this is the painting that will last in 100 years' time."

The Queen, who sat for Mr Williams six times, has not seen the portrait, although Ms Todd said Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary, was "intrigued" by the artist's technique.

Mr Williams paints in egg tempera, using tiny brush strokes because the colours will not blend. "It is quite a hard-edged effect," Ms Todd said, which might contribute to the impression of wrinkles.

She compared the detail in the work — a snagged fingernail and a small wound from a diamond bracelet — to the mark of stockings on one of Rembrandt's nudes.

June Mendoza, a member of the society who has painted the Queen five times, was not surprised at the controversy. But she thought the portrait was excellent. "It's not just a photographic expression, it's a painting."

"The Queen is extremely difficult to paint. When she smiles, every single thing in her face changes — she has a radiant smile — but this painting is her iron face."

Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, unveiled the painting, said: "It's a strong statement about Her Majesty... It's not a chocolate box picture, and I expect some people will be sorry about that."

Lord St John of Fawley, a constitutional expert who was at yesterday's private viewing, was less enthusiastic. "It's a powerful painting but it hasn't got the essence of the Queen, which is a serenity, benevolence and a happiness. A portrait should have the whole person."

Mr Williams found the experience of painting the Queen overwhelming, although he said he liked her and found her easy to talk to. "My opinion of her as a person went up quite a lot."

*'The resemblance is unmistakable, but so is its similarity to home-made bread waiting for the yeast to rise. The Queen deserves better than to be perpetuated as an old age pensioner about to lose her bungalow'*  
— Brian Sewell, art critic

*'We're delighted. I think artists think it is tremendous. It is full of dignity. At first sight you are aware of all those little imperfections in her flesh, but underneath it is an icon.'*  
— Daphne Todd, Royal Society president

*'It's an honest painting of someone who is 70, really. I painted what I saw... I wasn't setting out to promote the monarchy or create a piece of propaganda or anything like that'*  
— Antony Williams, the artist

*'It's very powerful, it's very striking. It's a very strong statement about Her Majesty... It's not a chocolate box picture and I expect some people will be sorry about that'*  
— Virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary

## Home care for elderly 'dearer'

### Survey forecasts greater use of residential accommodation

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

LOCAL authorities are spending more on keeping dependent elderly people in their own homes than it would cost for them to be in residential care, a survey suggests today.

The finding has prompted a warning that authorities may start again to make greater use of residential care contrary to the intent of the community care system.

The survey of 31 authorities in England and Wales — just over one in four of the then total — was carried out last year by the London Research

Centre on behalf of the Local Government Management Board and the local authority associations.

It found that the community care system, which started in 1993, was enabling many more people to stay in their own homes than had been expected.

Although this sub-sample was relatively small, the researchers estimate the authorities involved were achieving a "diversion rate"

away from residential care of at least 63 per cent.

However, the survey also found that the average net cost of intensive domestic care was greater than that of residential care.

This estimated net cost of about £140 is set against an average net cost of residential care of £133, after reducing the average gross of £229 by at least £96.50 to account for the social security residential allowance and the resident's state pension minus their personal allowance.

In addition, the survey report points out, authorities cannot place a charge against any property asset of a client receiving domestic services — although they can do so in

respect of care home costs. The report says: "This illustrates the perverse financial incentive resulting from different allowances available for community care services and this could mean that, with increasing financial restrictions, there begins to be a move back to using residential care as a cheaper alternative to intensive packages of day and domiciliary services."

"Some of the authorities in the interview sample expressed concern at such a situation beginning to happen."

Of 12 of the sample social services authorities which were interviewed, two are said to have been in "severe financial crisis".

Almost all reported reduced social services budgets.

Partly because of this, the survey found evidence of "bed-blocking" in hospitals, where the local authority was unable or unwilling to arrange discharge of any more than a limited quota of patients needing care services.

### Inquiry call after Gulf veteran dies in prison cell

David Pallister

A GULF WAR veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder has been found hanging in his prison cell after waiting three weeks for a transfer to a nursing home for psychiatric treatment.

The Prison Service said yesterday that John Callaghan, aged 27, died in the health care centre at Strangeways prison, Manchester, on Tuesday evening. He had served in the Gulf war as an army engineer.

The National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, yesterday wrote to the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, demanding a public inquiry into the events leading up to the death.

Callaghan had been sentenced to two years for conspiracy to supply drugs at Bolton crown court on April 15. But the trial judge agreed he could go to a nursing home in North Wales where he had spent some time while on bail. The problem was funding. On May 2 the Army Benevolent Fund agreed to pay for the first six weeks of the £30,000 treatment, with the rest being provided by the St Helens and Knowsley health authority.

Ian Hill, chairman of the veterans' association, asked Mr Howard for an explanation for the delay in issuing the release order. "Due to bureaucratic bunglings and the failure of your department and others to appreciate the urgency of this lad's problems, his life has been needlessly wasted," Major Hill said that in the court proceedings Callaghan had been diagnosed as suffering post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Prison Service said that it would reserve any comment until the inquest. Another Strangeways prisoner, Mark Byrne, aged 29, was found hanging in his cell on Saturday.

## Some answers to questions about paying for nursing home in old age

As controversy continues over the Government's proposals to make it easier for the elderly to meet nursing home fees, Teresa Hunter offers a guide to the problem — and finds the plans less radical than they seem.

WHY are the elderly and their families suddenly asked to pay for health care? They aren't — at least not medical care. But as people live longer and the quality of their lives deteriorates, more will need to be looked after in nursing homes. More than 500,000 people are cared for in

homes, and this will rise to 1.3 million by 2050. How much does a nursing home cost? Between £10,000 and £30,000 a year depending on location and the level of care. Most patients with severe disabilities will be charged around £28,000 annually.

What if you don't have enough money? Surely the state will pay? If you are worth more than £16,000 — and that includes your home — forget about state support. The elderly with savings of between £10,000 and £16,000 may qualify for a small amount of help. Even below that level, compli-

cated income calculations, including all pensions and earnings from shares and building society accounts, may still disqualify you. But surely they can't sell the roof over my partner's head or take my pension? The house is protected if a spouse, or a retired or disabled relative, lives there. Similarly, half an occupational pension may be disregarded from the income calculations — if needed to maintain a spouse. Limited protection of the house and other savings may be offered under the Government's proposals.

So the Government has decided to pay for our nursing care and we can keep our homes after all? Not quite — in fact not at all. Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell has made four proposals — two based on existing long-term care insurance and the others on pension and home income plan arrangements — which do little more than flag up existing options. The Government is proposing however to allow people who buy insurance to "ring-fence" assets such as their savings and their house. They can shelter assets equivalent to what an insurer pays out over four years plus an additional £15,000. Alternatively, they can benefit from a £1.50 disregard for every £1 insurance cover.

All policies have exclusions and can be difficult to claim on. Insurance can never provide a failsafe safety-net. People will have to pass incapacity tests, and there are dangers that those in most need will be sold the wrong kind of cover. Ever heard of the long-term care scandal? You will have soon. What about the other options? The Government also suggested allowing people to take a lower pension when they first retire to pay for long-term care later. The problem is most pensioners are already poverty-stricken.

Finally, home income plans allow people to take out a loan on their home to buy a regular income through an annuity — another kind of insurance. But no one has yet devised an annuity which could meet interest payments and nursing home fees.

Furthermore, hundreds of elderly have already faced repossession because of home income plans which went wrong. Either way you could end up losing your home.

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# Daily grind to demolish ethnic walls

Sex shows and market stalls point the way to the practicalities of peace, writes Julian Borger in Loncari, northern Bosnia

IRENA strives for Balkan peace. In the Harmonious Brothers bar, wallpapered with posters of naked women, she writes and grinds her hips for tolerance.

usual about the Harmonious Brothers' client mix. "Everyone comes here. Orthodox, Catholic, Muslim," she said in a mixture of Russian and Serbo-Croat.

the war, when Brotherhood and Unity was a communist mantra. Loncari has seen a lot of fighting since then, and is now an outpost of a precarious peace.

the main expanse of Croat-Muslim Federation territory. The Serb authorities tried to assert control of the corridor with police checkpoints, but they have been bulldozed aside by American troops.

jenko, the owner of the Harmonious Brothers bar, made a call to his Russian contacts. Brcko, a Serb from the nearby town of Brcko, saw the trucks rattle along Arizona and realised it was time to make a move.

guard. Cars and trucks with Serb and government numberplates line the dirt road for 300 yards. In a small paddock Muslim and Serb farmers trade sheep and cattle from the back of trucks.

few marks every day selling *canjaci* (along grilled meatballs) to the farmers. He is a Muslim refugee from Brcko, the scene of some of the worst Serb atrocities of the war.



## 15,000 police force nuclear load through

Ian Traynor in Bonn

THOUSANDS of police and anti-nuclear radicals fought pitched battles in northern Germany yesterday as a trainload of plutonium and nuclear waste made its way to its storage site.

At least 30 people were injured and as many arrested when young hooded militants firebombed and stoned the heavy security presence to ensure the safe arrival at the Gorleben storage site of the nuclear waste from the French reprocessing plant at La Hague.

In the nearby town of Dannenberg demonstrators blocked the rail lines, erected burning barricades and hurled petrol bombs and fireworks at the ranks of the police. Fifteen thousand police were deployed to foil the protesters. They used tear gas, water cannon, and baton charges to disperse the protesters. One woman demonstrator had to be rushed to hospital by helicopter.

Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democratic premier of the state of Lower Saxony, where the Gorleben storage facility is situated, lashed out at the protesters, warning that all violent opposition would have to reckon with the "resistance of the state".

The waste came from German nuclear power plants and was ferried to France for reprocessing. But under French law, all foreign nu-

clear material reprocessed at La Hague has to be returned to its country of origin. Yesterday's load was the first of more than 100 cargoes due to be returned from France over the next ten years.

The Gorleben site has been the subject of controversy and protest for years, but the opposition, which enjoys overwhelming support locally and considerable support in the country at large, has climaxed this week with ugly clashes on Monday and daily sabotage actions. Yesterday's was the worst of three consecutive days of clashes.

The waste was brought by train from France to Dannenberg where it was unloaded on to a flatbed lorry for the final stretch to Gorleben. The ferocity of the protests meant that the lorry took several hours to complete the final 13 miles of the journey.

Earlier this week, a north German court banned demonstrations around the Gorleben site, but the ban failed to deter the rioters.

The brains of ten hand-capped victims of the Nazis were finally laid to rest in a Hamburg cemetery yesterday after being kept in jars of formaldehyde in a Vienna hospital for more than 50 years. The deceased, most of them children, were victims of the Nazis' euthanasia drive to create a master Aryan race.

Politicians, churchmen and relatives of one victim held a memorial service in a small chapel before burying the cremated remains, on the 51st anniversary of the end of the second world war in a part of the cemetery for victims of Nazism.



End of the line... Anti-nuclear protesters in Dannenberg clash with police PHOTOGRAPH: CHRISTOF STACHEL

## 'Mafia gangs involved' in £1 billion EU frauds

Stephen Bates in Brussels

MAFIA-type crime syndicates are behind multi-billion pound frauds of European Union funds, the European Commission claimed yesterday as it announced it had discovered some 5,000 cases involving nearly £1 billion last year.

The exact extent of EU fraud is not known, but the amount uncovered represents almost 1.5 per cent of the entire EU budget. Most large-scale fraud involved cheating on customs duties payable for products from powdered milk to bananas, but there were also beef, cigarette and olive oil smuggling operations, evasions of computer disk and textiles duties on goods from the Far East, and fraudulent applications for development grants.

Much of the money has

yet to be recovered — 95 per cent of the £435 million lost on customs duties last year and 75 per cent of the £580 million embezzled from agricultural and structural funds is outstanding. The losses must be made up from member states' budget contributions.

Anita Gradin, the Swedish commissioner responsible for fighting fraud, claimed mafia-like organisations, including gangs from eastern Europe, were involved in some of the deceptions. "We are talking about international, organised crime, which is a major source of concern," she said. "It is not some farmers organising themselves, what we are talking about is people who are criminals. Some of them also traffic in drugs, in people, in money laundering."

Officials even uncovered a consignment of more than 500,000 bicycles exported under false pretences from Vietnam. The company disguised the fact that the parts were made in Hong Kong and China and so did not qualify for preferential trading rates.

Few foodstuffs exported across the continent appear to have escaped fraud in the form of customs duty evasion or false certification. Italian customs officials in Trieste were found to be operating a trade in forged customs stamps. Earlier this year two

senior European Commission officials were sacked for taking bribes from holiday companies to divert grants to promote tourism.

The scale of some of the fraud is mindboggling: evasions of duties on powdered milk alone cost the EU nearly £60 million and cigarette smuggling in Portugal cost more than £13 million pounds in lost duties. Four per cent of the 4,800 cases investigated accounted for 75 per cent of the money embezzled.

The Commission blamed individual governments, which are mostly responsible for monitoring customs and trade transactions, for not talking the problem seriously enough.

The report said: "The need is for tougher enforcement measures against major crime and for equivalent criminal penalties in all member states for serious fraud against the community budget: the scale and complexity of the problem demand an immediate response that will have the maximum deterrent effect."

The report shows Britain has not been a paragon in combating irregularities, though the amount of fraud on EU funds notified by British authorities last year was much smaller than in some other states: £18 million pounds, compared with £90 million in Italy and more than £100 million in Germany.

## Spy row talks circling round a friendly fudge

David Hearst in Moscow and Ian Black in London

NEGOTIATIONS failed to resolve the Anglo-Russian spy row yesterday, despite conciliatory signals from both sides suggesting a common desire for a face-saving compromise.

A high-ranking officer in Russia's Federal Security Service (FSS) told Interfax news agency that the talks concerned both the number of diplomats to be expelled and when the expulsions would take place.

Originally the FSS said it intended to expel nine British officials, after a Russian citizen was caught red-handed preparing to hand over secret documents on political, defence and strategic issues. But the matter is now out of its hands, it maintains.

"We have done our job," the officer said. "It's now the job of the politicians to find a decision which is the most adequate for the interests of the Russian Federation."

In London the Foreign Office said the British ambassador, Sir Andrew Wood, had met the Russian deputy foreign minister, Sergei Krylov, after seeing the minister, Yevgeny Primakov, on Tuesday.

tions were in train and that Britain expected a deal.

"We hope that continuing discussions will produce an amicable conclusion to this regrettable incident," he said. "I am not quite sure what the Russian government requires of us. We very much want to continue good relations and we don't want anything to jeopardise that."

Russia's apparent retreat makes it possible to fudge the issue. British diplomats are routinely replaced after a three year spell in Moscow, and some were due to move to other postings before the affair blew up on Monday.

Britain has steadfastly maintained that Russia has failed to substantiate its allegations and that it will respond with retaliatory mea-

asures if the expulsions go ahead. Its robust response suggests that Moscow has been told there will be wider repercussions than a round of tit-for-tat expulsions, possibly impacting on financial support for President Boris Yeltsin's reform process.

Russian intelligence sources insisted yesterday that the allegations were unrelated to domestic politics and were a necessary response to brazenly open British intelligence gathering in Moscow in the past five years.

The British embassy has received neither the name of the arrested Russian man nor details of his alleged links with members of the mission. Russia meanwhile has ordered an Estonian diplomat to leave the country after a spy row and Tallinn has retaliated by expelling a Russian diplomat. The Russian foreign ministry said in a statement that the Estonian diplomat, who was not named, had been expelled for "activities incompatible with his diplomatic status".

● The Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, front-runner in opinion polls for next month's Russian presidential election, said yesterday that the West would have nothing to fear if he won.

"Russia has always been a stabiliser — a factor which brings more balance in the world — and a bridge between East and West," he told journalists in a satellite link-up with Cable News Network.

### World news in brief

#### Answers sought on Iran-Bosnia links

THE Republican-controlled international relations committee in the United States House of Representatives yesterday demanded that two top diplomats fly back to Washington to face questioning on the decision by Bill Clinton's administration to turn a blind eye to the secret arming of Bosnia by Iran in 1994. Congressman Ben Gilman, the committee's chairman, yesterday demanded the testimony of Peter Galbraith, the US ambassador to Croatia, and Charles Redman, the chief US negotiator in the Balkans in 1994. President Clinton and his two closest advisers, Tony Lake and Strobe Talbott, agreed the so-called "blind eye" policy which Republicans say allowed Iranian fundamentalists to get a foothold in Bosnia. They agreed to give Mr Galbraith "no instruction" when he told the White House that Croatia was proposing to allow Iran to fly arms via its territory to Bosnia, in breach of the United Nations arms embargo. The White House had assumed this would meet with Republican approval, since Bob Dole, the party's leader, was publicly demanding that the arms embargo be lifted. "There is a principle at stake here, whether Congress was misled and the United Nations was misled," Mr Gilman said yesterday. — Martin Walker, Washington.

#### 'Dirty war' resurfaces

FRESH arrests connected with the 1980s "dirty war" fought against Basque terrorists overshadowed the opening of Spain's new conservative-led parliament by King Juan Carlos yesterday. Judge Baltasar Garçon charged three senior generals in the paramilitary civil guard on Tuesday with having led the self-proclaimed Anti-Liberation Group (GAL) death squads, which have been blamed for the murder of 27 people linked to the Basque separatist group ETA. Generals Enrique Rodriguez Gallardo and Andrés Castañedo are accused of four killings, while General José Antonio Somoza de Santamaría is charged with being involved in a cover-up. The three men are among the most senior figures involved in combating terrorism and were close to the outgoing prime minister, Felipe Gonzalez. Judge Garçon also summoned Julian Garcia, a former defence minister, to testify. Although Spain's new prime minister, José María Aznar, used the GAL affair to oust his predecessor, he hoped to lay the matter to rest once in power. Further investigations into the GAL could embarrass his Popular Party.

Last week, the supreme court formally cleared Mr Gonzalez and two of his ministers of accusations that they authorised the death squads. The ruling outraged the former head of the civil guard, Luis Roldán, who faces corruption charges and has given Judge Garçon fresh evidence. — Adele Gooch, Madrid.

#### Helms calls for truce

JESSE HELMS, the veteran Republican rightwinger, called for an early truce in his forthcoming senate re-election battle yesterday, after it developed into a replay of the bitter and racially-heated contest he fought six years ago. Mr Helms will once again face Harvey Gantt, the black former mayor of Charlotte, whom he defeated in a notorious campaign in 1990. Mr Gantt won North Carolina's closely-contested Democratic party primary on Tuesday, beating Charlie Sanders, a millionaire, by 53 to 42 per cent. Mr Gantt had faced allegations — including many from black activists — that he could not beat Mr Helms in the mainly-white state, and late opinion polls indicated a tight race. Mr Helms, seeking his fifth six-year term in the senate, said yesterday he would be a "gentleman" in the coming campaign, and urged his opponent to promise the same. The 1990 race featured a Helms television advertisement aimed directly at white resentment of affirmative action for blacks. — Jonathan Freedland, Washington.

#### Infighting in Vietnam

FRESH signs of tension within Vietnam's elite have surfaced in the run up to a pivotal Communist Party congress next month with a call by Do Muoi, the party leader, for greater unity with the army. Mr Muoi warned delegates to an army congress that differences between the party and army could be exploited by "hostile forces", and could threaten the Communist Party's leading role. "The party must have an all-round, united, absolute and direct leadership in the armed forces," Mr Muoi said. "Building the People's Army to be strong politically is a question of priority importance." Mr Muoi and a number of other politburo leaders had been tipped to stand down at the congress but reports that he may keep Vietnam's top political office have surfaced in recent months along with signs of tension between those favouring rapid economic reform and a minority wishing to slow it down. The extraordinary sacking last month of the politburo member Nguyen Ha Phan for a "serious mistake" that dated back to the ahead of the congress. The armed forces, already sharply cut in size, have appeared uncomfortable with Vietnam's reforms, warning grimly against the dangers of "peaceful evolution" and the intentions of Western powers. — Nick Cumming-Bruce, Bangkok.

#### Boys play at pregnancy

TEENAGE Finnish schoolboys are learning about responsible sex through a new board game in which they are as likely to get pregnant as their partners. The game, Making Babies, is being snapped up by teachers after a prototype proved so popular that children refused to do anything else in biology lessons, said Seija Sihvola, the head of health education at the child welfare group that helped develop it. "They love it," Ms Sihvola said. "They find out not just how easy it is to get pregnant, but also what it feels like when you are one ahead of the dice and you get headaches, morning sickness, a bad back, the lot." Played with a sperm-and-egg dice on a "fertility square", Making Babies aims to show children aged 12 and over that "there's more to sex than boasting about it the next day in the playground", said Ms Sihvola. — Jon Henley, Helsinki.

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Kurdish bases bombed as troops cross border

# Turks sweep back into northern Iraq

Chris Mottall in Ankara

TURKISH troops have been pouring into northern Iraq, backed by heavy artillery and helicopter gunships, in the biggest incursion into the region in more than a year. Fifteen guerrillas of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) are reported to have been killed so far.

Turkish newspapers report that as many as 40,000 soldiers have been taking part in security sweeps against the Turkish Kurdish separatists on either side of the border. The operation began on Sunday or Monday, but details of the extent of the offensive only emerged yesterday.

The armed forces have carried out a number of strikes against PKK bases in northern Iraq in recent months, but they have been confined to isolated commando raids, air attacks and artillery bombardments.

This time security officials say that regular troops have penetrated up to six miles into Iraq and are backed by heavy guns and helicopter gunships. The PKK victims are reported to have been killed by the bombardment of two camps.

The operation echoes last

month's spring offensive against the PKK in south-eastern Turkey, in which 5,000 troops surrounded a PKK base in the mountains of Diyarbakir province. About 60 soldiers and 350 guerrillas were killed.

Skirmishes have continued since then, and nine PKK members and four soldiers were reported killed yesterday in the latest incidents.

The chief of the Turkish general staff, General Ismail Hakkı Karadayı, has gone to Diyarbakir to view the operations.

The northern Iraq operation was apparently sparked by a hot pursuit of militants who sought refuge across the border after a clash near the town of Serdinli in Hakkari province.

Turkey fears that a power vacuum has been created in northern Iraq by Operation Provide Comfort, the air umbrella it operates with the United States, Britain and France, which has prevented President Saddam Hussein's forces attacking the Kurds there for the past five years.

The north has been carved up between the Iraqi Kurdish Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), but their rivalry has allowed the PKK to establish bases.

In the spring of last year Turkey sent 85,000 troops into northern Iraq for six weeks to find and destroy the camps. Sixty soldiers died and the armed forces claimed to have killed 600 guerrillas.

The PKK is believed to have bases in neighbouring Syria and Iran as well, and 10 days ago the military imposed a six-month ban on access to areas bordering Armenia.

The authorities said they were increasingly concerned about PKK militants entering Turkey from Armenia, and would carry out operations in the east.

The PKK's leader, Abdullah Ocalan, who is based in Syria, has said that the unilateral ceasefire he announced last December will continue for the time being. But he has also threatened suicide bombings this summer in Turkish cities and attacks against the west coast tourist trade.

The centre-right coalition government formed two months ago has said it wants to tackle the problem of its Kurdish minority by lifting restrictions on teaching in the Kurdish language and ending its state of emergency in 10 south-eastern provinces in July. But it is having difficulty drafting the necessary legislation, and internal divisions make progress unlikely.



Fog for a protest... An ultra-religious Jew uses a washing line to display a poster declaring that elections are forbidden by the Bible. Israel votes on May 29. PHOTOGRAPH: NATI SHOHAT

# Israel rejects UN report on Qana killing

Derek Brown in Jerusalem, Mark Tran in New York and Jonathan Freedland in Washington

AN INDIGNANT Israel yesterday rejected a United Nations report suggesting that the April 18 shelling of Qana in south Lebanon, which killed more than 100 refugees, was deliberate.

Emad Barazi, Israel's foreign minister, said the report's conclusion was "absurd". The army chief, Amnon Shuhak, said "only a warped mind could think this".

Lebanon called on the UN to condemn Israel formally for its "premeditated crime". The report to the UN Security Council on Tuesday said it was unlikely the Qana attack had been the result of technical errors.

In Washington, the administration of President Bill Clinton maintained its unblinking defence of Israel.

"Israel has taken its responsibility here, Israel has stood up and been criticised and has taken a hit," said Nicholas Burns, the state department spokesman.

Mr Burns curtly suggested that the UN investigate Hizbullah's role in the episode instead.

US hostility to the report stoked speculation that Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary general, may have jeopardised his chances for a second term. The US has yet to decide on backing him.

The UN said that the report was not intended to embarrass or accuse any member state, but to establish the

facts so as to avoid similar incidents in the future.

"It is difficult to understand the strong reaction to this report from some quarters," Sylvana Foa, a UN spokeswoman, said. "The report is balanced and objective, the facts speak for themselves."

Israeli officials continued to insist that the mass killing was the result of faulty maps — an assertion which sits uneasily with previous boasts of "pinpoint" strikes on targets.

They also deny that they knew the UN post was crammed with civilians.

However, officers of Unifil, the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, are sceptical of Israel's protestations of innocence. They say that early into Operations Grapes of Wrath it was known refugees had sought shelter with the UN.

The UN men also openly scoff at the excuse about faulty maps. The Qana base, they point out, was established 18 years ago.

The UN report was compiled by General Frank van Knapen, Mr Boutros-Ghali's military adviser. It makes much of the flight over Qana by an Israeli drone, or unmanned surveillance aircraft.

But yesterday the Israeli officer in charge of the flight said the drone had reached Qana only after the shelling.

A judge in New York yesterday ruled that Moussa Mohammed Abu Marzook, a leader of the militant Islamist group Hamas, could be extradited to Israel over an alleged conspiracy to commit violence. — Reuter.

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# Pirate factories provoke US sanctions on China

Martin Walker in Washington

PRESIDENT Clinton is expected to announce more than \$1 billion in trade sanctions against China for piracy of American videos and compact discs even as he and his presidential election rival, Senator Bob Dole, are quietly agreed on a bi-partisan policy to expand China's trade with the United States.

Mr Dole is expected to anger the Republicans' conservative wing today by declaring that he supports maintaining China's Most Favoured Nation trading status, which will come up for renewal next month.

Although he is expected to criticise Mr Clinton's tactics, Mr Dole has effectively stung up to the traditional policy of the Bush and Clinton administrations: China can best be civilised and liberalised by engagement and open Western markets.

This policy towards Beijing will continue, despite the ex-

pected imposition of trade sanctions, and the sabre-rattling over Taiwan earlier this year. The policy has few enthusiastic defenders in the Clinton administration, but no rational alternative has yet been proposed.

Mr Clinton was expected to agree reluctantly to sanctions after China did little to fulfil a promise made last year under the threat of sanctions to close 81 factories that were pirating US videos, compact discs and computer software and other intellectual copyright material.

Now US officials claim to have uncovered 13 more "underground" Chinese factories, churning out similar material. This leaves Mr Clinton little alternative but to resort to sanctions, even though China has vowed retaliation.

A further round of economic sanctions against China is also looming in the state department. The secretary of state, Warren Christopher, has yet to pronounce on what diplomatic sources

claim is "overwhelming evidence" that China has broken its promises to restrict the sale of ballistic missiles and nuclear technology to Pakistan. Once the administration acknowledges this evidence, sanctions would be automatic under current law.

In other areas, US-China relations are flourishing. Vice-President Al Gore is developing a joint commission on pollution problems. The defence secretary, William Perry, has developed an ambitious programme of staff visits and exchanges and US technical assistance. The commerce and energy departments — backed by corporate America — are trying to take full advantage of China as the world's fastest growing

market.

Mr Clinton appealed to Mr Dole and the Republicans in Congress yesterday to work with him to pass compromise bills to balance the budget, raise the minimum wage, cut the tax on petrol and enact modest reforms on the health and welfare systems.

# South Korean students flee examination hell

Mary Jordan in Seoul finds the pressure of school life takes its toll on the whole family

IT WAS 11pm and Moon Sae Bom was solving maths problems and double-checking her social studies maps. For the past two hours, her mother had sat beside her, checking her answers, making sure the 10-year-old did not fall asleep.

This is a normal night at the Moon house and in millions of homes throughout South Korea, where mothers spend hours a day studying with their elementary and secondary school children, even playing them with caffeine to keep them awake and learning. There is a huge new industry of private tutors for women who need to relearn algebra, world history and other subjects to help with homework.

Across this academically hyper-achieving country, students file out of state and private high schools not at 3pm but 10pm. Every weeknight they study in classrooms from dinner until late into the evening.

"This kind of excessive commitment has allowed South Korea to develop so fast and has made Korea different from other developing countries," said Kim

Byung Kook, a professor at Korea University. "But we are worried we may have gone over the limit."

Min Hye Kyung, Sae Bom's mother, is so worried about the "hell" of South Korean college examination pressure that she plans to send her daughter to secondary school in Britain, where she believes students have more time just to be young.

"People are spending 20 to 30 per cent of their income on private tutors for their children so they can learn all the school material a year ahead of time," said Min, aged 35. "It's just too difficult here. I would rather see her from the stress and strain."

Just to keep Sae Bom competitive with her classmates, Min spends more than £20,000 a year for tutors to supplement her public schooling. "And compared to others, that is not a lot," she said.

Dedication to education is a key reason for South Korea's rise from one of the poorest countries in the world, a generation ago, to the 11th wealthiest today and now a top manufacturing

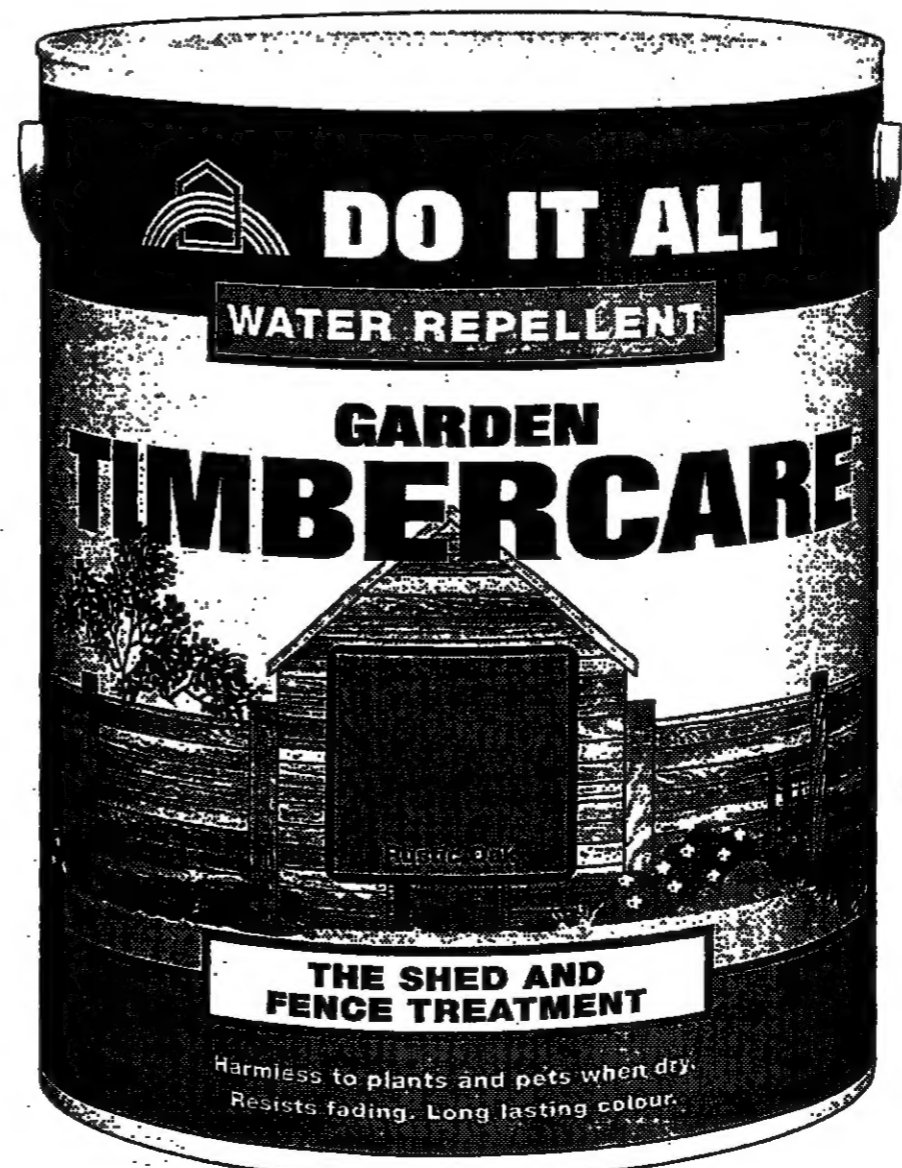
South Korean students, most of whom attend state schools, are at or near the top of international educational comparisons and a powerful force in elite American universities. But the country is reflecting on the toll that economic success has taken on its youth. In the last two years, the government has tried to ease high school and college entrance exam requirements.

This spring, all elementary schools in Seoul are supposed to allow one "bag-free day" each month, meaning youngsters are not supposed to bring their book bag to school that day so they will not carry books or papers home.

The primary aim of all students, from pre-school on, is to get into the best possible college. Competition is so fierce that people say that if a third-year high school student sleeps four hours a night he will get into college. He sleeps five hours, he won't.

"For the year before college exams, families cancel all trips and welcome no visitors; parents don't even have time for sex," said one mother, who believes the obsessive nature of the school system is driving thousands to educate their children abroad. — Washington Post

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Diary Matthew Norman

FROM the catalogue of the London antiquarian bookseller Ulysses, there comes a tender morsel from the past of an old friend...

BUSY this week with the Government's new push for slower driving in Transport Minister Shagger Norris...

FROM Europe comes another insult to the Prime Minister. A chapter heading from yesterday's European Commission report on Euro-fraud reads 'Major Organised Transnational Fraud Cases'...

NORWAY voted not to join Europe, of course, but it remains very much in Euro-visit. Indeed, on Saturday it will host this year's Song Contest...

THANKS to George Hony from east London for his memories of a Mandy Mandelson office boy, Dolly Draper. Dolly came to our attention yesterday for profane ranting at a woman journalist...

CONTINUING to dispel the tediously passé image of uniformed officers as illiterate thickies is Police Review magazine. On the contents page of a recent edition, for example, is an invitation to turn to page 22, where Sarah Gibbons considers improved 'performance indicators'...

Some in the government in New Delhi: others are concerned only with extracting a promise of non-interference in their particular fiefdoms. And although a chance to wield power would seem its own reward, money and muscle will certainly figure. For, despite efforts to reduce the cost of elections, political parties were fundraising for months. As in every election year, there were discreet meetings at lav-

Choosing a chief for the judges

Commentary Hugo Young

LORD Mackay should be the power behind John Major's throne. This seat may be collapsing, but it still confers the right to appoint the next Lord Chief Justice, following Peter Taylor's sad retirement through ill-health...

That's not how it happens in other countries. The Lord Chief Justice is a man of much social and political influence, now far removed, as I showed on Tuesday, from the neutral obscurity in which Taylor's predecessors, heard but seldom seen, administered justice. In the US, nominees for the Supreme Court are proposed by the President but confirmed by the Senate...

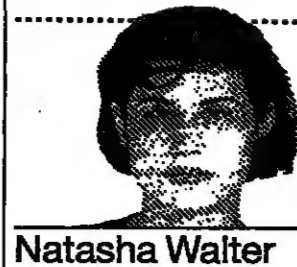
There are two kinds of choice. The easy one is a traditionalist. There are scores of them around, including one or two worthy candidates. Lord Justice Kennedy is humane and fair, and without an enemy in the world. He'd probably take the administrative burden in his stride as well. Others I've heard mentioned include Lord Mustill, Lords Justices Auld, Rose and Simon Brown...

of what they call consolidation: another way of saying it's time for an LCI to keep quiet, doesn't challenge the Home Secretary's role as exclusive penal philosopher, and encourages restraint on judicial review...

They need a leader sensitive to his wider public role and fearless in expounding it

looming, the dead status quo of judicial quietism is not an option. The judges need a leader sensitive to his wider public role and fearless in expounding it. The strongest candidate, in my opinion, is Lord Woolf. He's not originally a crime man, which counts against him...

Women want power and want it now



Natasha Walter

A WOMEN'S leadership forum opened this week. Yawning already? Another women's group funded by a local authority? Yet more consciousness-raising sessions, or well-meaning training seminars to encourage women to break into management?

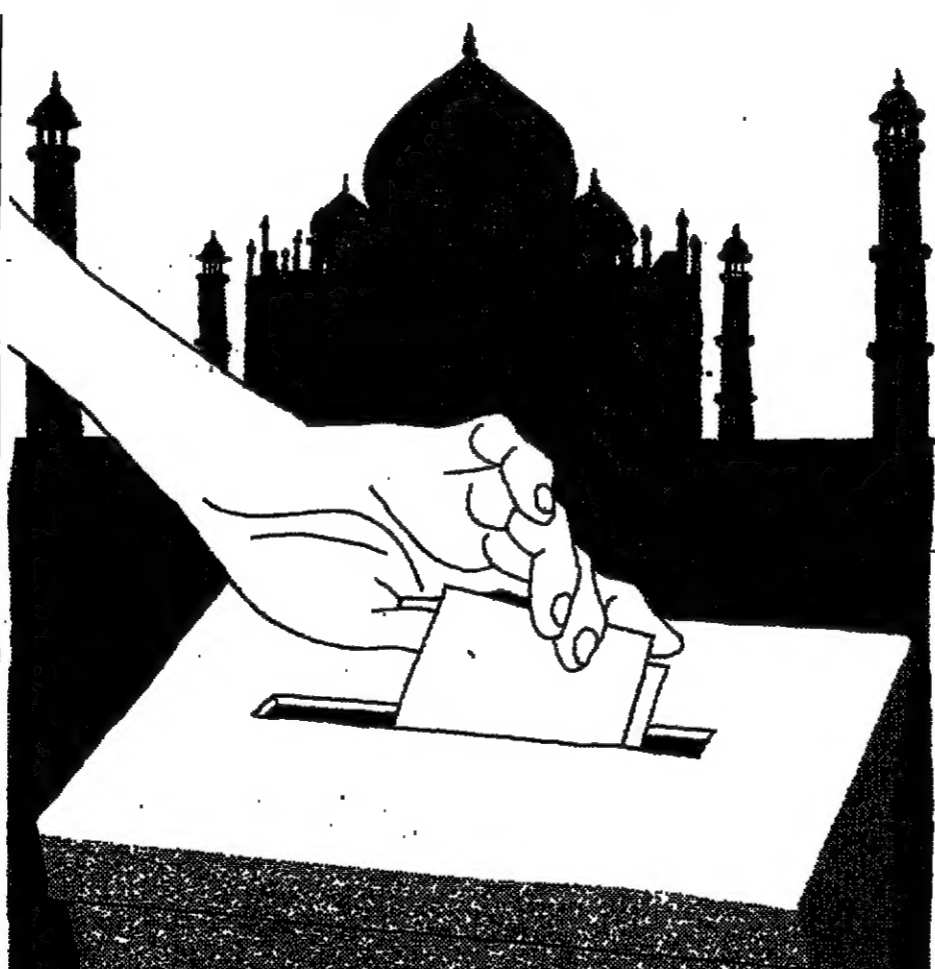
can play that game. When it comes to building a bridge, we might say, women will build it, while men will hold days of meetings to chat about who will be boss and who will be worker...

Such women don't seem to care about being liked and building relationships nearly as much as the clubby men around them. They get on and work for what they believe in, lonely though that may be. Indeed, some powerful women prefer solitude. Margaret Thatcher declined the invitation to the forum. There was only one characteristic successful leaders share, she said — that they never, never follow the crowd...

A low-caste as prime minister of India? It's the ultimate prize for democracy there, argues Suzanne Goldenberg, as the old élite continues to lose its historic grip

The millions awake

FOR ORDINARY Indians, their small part has been played. The simplest and most basic of democratic rites is over. Voting in all but a handful of seats for India's general elections has ended, an extraordinary exercise in human organisation involving 590 million electors putting their stamp on 200 tons of ballot paper at 800,000 polling booths...



Thanks to a newly empowered election commission, these have been the cleanest and most peaceful polls in memory. They have also been the dullist. Wary of being captured on video by election officials hunting down violators of a 450,000 rupee (28,800) spending limit per candidate, the larger-than-life cut-outs of politicians, the convoys of motorcades, the dust at bewildered villagers, the ear-splitting renditions of Hindi pop songs have all but vanished.

But the real task of selecting India's next government begins now. The beleaguered prime minister, PV Narasimha Rao, deserted by three breakaway groups from the Congress and facing a rebellion from the MPs who have nominally stayed loyal, must convince his colleagues that he alone can restore to them the comforts of elected office. Or else be cast aside.

Like the leaders of all the three main blocs, Rao, who is acknowledged as a master of manipulation, must now demonstrate an ability to woo the presence of loyalty or political principle will be set aside as the regional party bosses weigh up what to offer for a slice in the government in New Delhi: others are concerned only with extracting a promise of non-interference in their particular fiefdoms.

place in the power structure, but they have now awakened. They want a share. They want not only the benefits of power, but to operate the levers of power. Modern India's accomplishments pale beside the economic tigers of South-East Asia. Nearly 50 years after independence, only half of the population can write a simple sentence — the rather generous definition of literacy — and 40 per cent eat less than the daily caloric minimum. Most of the opposition are Dalit, formerly known as Untouchables, and lower-caste Hindus as well as Muslims. Courtied by the Congress in the past for their ability to mobilise large chunks of the electorate for the cause — when they support it — lower-caste Hindus and Muslims rarely ascended to positions of power.

The election of 1988 marked a break with the politics of the past. Singh rode to power with the support of lower-caste Hindus and Muslims, as well as middle-class Indians fed up with the corruption of the Congress party, who had been excluded from the upper rungs of the Congress and the BJP went on to form their own parties. Slowly, the social complexion of India's ruling class is changing. In the Hindi-speaking political heartland of the northern plains, the new establishment is poor, rural, lower caste, and not particularly interested in the Anglicised culture that had the old élite in its thrall.

And now that the poor are within reach of the reins of power, they have discovered new enemies — within their own ranks, rather than their socially sanctioned oppressors, Brahmins and upper-caste Hindus. In the end, the BJP, the new party of the divinely ordained upper-caste élite, has gained, riding to supremacy on the divisions in the forces that would oppose them. However, Singh believes the splits between lower-caste and Dalit Hindus, and even among Dalits themselves, will recede when seen against the bigger prize: social justice and the real democratisation of Indian society — which would see a Dalit prime minister in Lutyens's majestic red sandstone parliament.

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Ivo Jarosy

# The man who loved movies

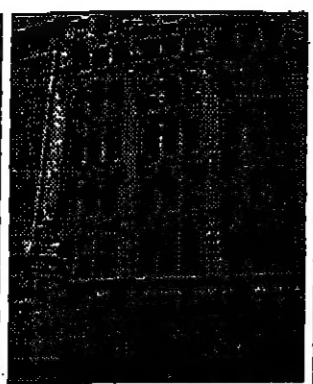
THE ACADEMY Cinema in London's Oxford Street was well named: for more than half a century, several generations were able to acquire a rich film culture from its programmes. For 48 of those years, Ivo Jarosy, who has died aged 74, played a major part in the selection and promotion of films shown there.

He arrived at the Academy in 1938 from Germany to work as a publicist. Four years later his Viennese stepfather George Hoellering bought the cinema from its founder, Elsie Cohen, a pioneer in exhibiting foreign-language films in Britain.

Hoellering was a formidable figure. He had been manager of the famous Berlin Marmorhaus cinema; co-produced a German film *Kuhle Wampe*, scripted by Brecht and named by Hitler, directed the most famous Hungarian film of the 1930s, *Horobog*; and in Britain produced and directed *Murder in the Cathedral* (1961).

Hoellering was autocratic, particularly in matters of taste — his own, whether in art or food, was impeccable — but Jarosy had taste too and, perhaps, in his diffident way, his own strategies for handling his stepfather. At festivals they were familiar figures, hunting out films together, dispensing hospitality at the old Blue Bar in Cannes or at the Hotel des Bains terrace on Venice Lido.

The range and quality of the films they brought back is staggering. Satyajit Ray, Akira Kurosawa, Ingmar Bergman, Andrzej Wajda, Miklos Jancso, Miles Forman were among the directors first introduced to the British public at the Academy. The faith and enthusiasm of Hoellering and Jarosy in their



Academy cinema, Oxford St

product accounts largely for the commercial successes they enjoyed, often with films that more timid showmen might have spurned as "difficult". Thus Jean Renoir's *La Règle du Jeu* ran on and off for two years, and was often revived subsequently. Dusan Makavejev's scandalous *WR — Mysteries of the Organism* (the prestige of the Academy disarmed the British Board of Film Censors of the day) was another triumph. Marcel Carné's *Les Enfants du Paradis* returned year after year.

The Academy did not show only foreign-language films. Merchant and Ivory made their British debut with *Shakespeare Wallah*, as did Martin Scorsese, and his discoveries Robert de Niro and Harvey Keitel, in *Mean Streets*. The run of Joseph Strick's *Ulysses* is said to have brought back its entire production costs, though the Academy's biggest English-language success was Ken Loach's *Kes*, after it had been rejected by the major circuits.

The Academy did things with style, starting with the distinctive line-cut posters designed for decades by Peter Strausfeld in consultation

with Jarosy. In 1964, Angus McBean was commissioned to redecorate the cinema using crimson swagged wallpaper, and the adjoining Pavilion Restaurant whose menu Hoellering supervised with the same discrimination with which he oversaw the choice of films. Going to the Academy was always an event.

Jarosy's method as a publicist was exemplary. The material given out to the press invariably included a lengthy analysis of the film, diligently researched, beautifully written, and with its opinion — favourable, naturally — so well-argued that it permitted no dissent. A harassed or lazy reviewer who simply paraphrased Ivo's press release could come up with something better than he would have done without assistance. The Academy's films were invariably good: Ivo's press releases just meant that no one was left in any doubt.

Ivo Jarosy was engaging, courteous to a fault, with a slight, scholarly stoop, big bright eyes and an inextinguishable smile. After Hoellering's death in 1969 he continued to run the Academy, but he always appeared lonely. The great days for art cinemas had gone: the young audience was no longer so attracted by foreign-language films. Jarosy recently revealed in an interview that, in its last 10 years the cinema had been subsidised to the tune of £1.5m — money earned from the rents of offices in the rambling building, which dated from 1911-13.

In 1986, the Academy closed its doors and was shortly afterwards demolished. Jarosy, who seemed never to age in the last 30 years, enjoyed a quiet retirement, reading and still de-



Jarosy... risked showing films that other cinemas spurned

lighting in films even on the small screen. In 1962 he had married Joan Grant, and the couple had two sons.

David Robinson

David Robinson adds Ivo Jarosy was one of the most cultured men ever to run a British art house cinema. He was also one of the nicest. He taught me, when I was a young reviewer, what quality was both in his magnificent programme notes, which were a model of what they should be, and in many long conversations. There were times when, enthusing about some film or director, he would gently cut me down. He was almost always right.

Frank Copplestone

# Sailing in the choppy waters of television

THE BROADCASTING career of Frank Copplestone, who has died aged 71, spanned more than 35 years, beginning with the birth of commercial television and ending with the shake-up which followed the 1990 Broadcasting Act.

Cornish through and through, Copplestone saw war service in India and Egypt and was wounded in the head during the Normandy invasion.

Postwar he read history at Nottingham University, became president of the students' union and in 1964 of the National Union of Students. His old-fashioned Conservatism made him an attractive leader while the NUS network provided lifelong links with politicians. In 1968 he became the independent Television Authority's northern regional officer, and saw Tyne-Tees Television on the air. In 1969 he established the ITA's Plymouth office and supervised Westward Television's launch. Thirty years later, Frank relished the swing of fortune which made him Westcountry Television's deputy chairman in Plymouth.

He left the ITA as head of programme services. At the ITV Companies Association he set up and became controller of the network planning secretariat and was pivotal in the black arts of network scheduling, and balancing programme producers



TV chief... Copplestone

claims, "worse than the NUS", he said. In 1976 Frank became Southern Television's managing director, encouraged by his chairman, introduced Glynedebourne to the network. He lived close to two of his great loves: music and sailing. When Southern lost its franchise in 1981, Frank turned down an offer to head a major ITV company, and remained managing director of Southern, selling its programme library globally until the company itself was sold.

About this time we met again at the Reform Club. We had crossed swords when Southern lost its franchise and I was the merchant banker to the usurper, TVS. Despite this we became firm friends and business partners. In 1990 we formed Westcountry Television in a Plymouth accountants office.

The assault on the youth TV franchise was possibly one of the most exciting times of our lives and for Frank, reminiscent of the Normandy landing. All his experience and leadership qualities were needed to keep a disparate crew focused at our meetings in Paddington station hotels or along the M3 at Newbury.

Frank's final eight years were happy and fulfilling. Westcountry Television kept him busy, while his wife Eileen, also a writer, shared his love of the arts, sailing and entertaining. He was a committee member of the Royal Yacht Club and a special fellow of the Yacht Club in St Ives. If there was one regret it was that his enthusiasm for rugby when young resulted in a broken nose, ending, he thought, his good looks. His one piece of unfinished business would have been to host in 1987, for the first time in Cornwall, the Celtic Film and Television Festival.

In his short illness, Frank liked nothing more than watching the ships going upriver or out to sea just below the windows of his hill, narrow house, a "Towey Galant" in his home town.

Stephen Redfern

Frank Henry Copplestone, independent television executive, born February 26, 1925; died April 30, 1996

## Letter

Gerald Kaufman writes: In his obituary of Saul Bess (April 27) Richard Eallis claims that Bess directed the shower scene in Hitchcock's *Psycho*. In her book *Psycho: Behind The Scenes Of The Classic*

Thriller Janet Leigh wrote: "Did Saul Bess direct the shower scene, as he claims? This is an easy one — a definite 'absolutely not!' I let it to his face in front of other people. For the life of me, I cannot understand what possessed Saul Bess to make that statement... I was in that

shower for seven days, and believe you me, Albid Hitchcock was right next to his camera for every one of those seventy-odd shots!" Leigh states that the storyboard for the shower morning were drawn by Bess, but goes on: "Drawing some pictures does not a director make"

Jack Weston

# Down and out in Hollywood

FAT ACTORS in the movies are generally forced to play either villains or clowns or clownish villains. Jack Weston, who has died aged 71, played all three, while on stage he specialised in Broadway comedies, especially as an interpreter of Neil Simon's wise-cracking characters.

Born Jack Weinstein in Cleveland, the son of a shoe repair man, Weston first gained stage experience at the local Playhouse aged 10, when a teacher recognised the talent that lay behind his mischievous manner. During the second world war, he distinguished himself as a machine gunner, and entertained the troops at the USO. On his return to the States, he began looking for work. "I keep remembering the days in New York after the war... I thought if somebody would give me \$30 a week for life and just let me act, that's all I ask," he once commented.

Finally, Weston joined the American Theatre Wing, making his New York debut in 1950 in Woolcott Gibb's *Season In The Sun*. More work came when he took over the role of Stewpot in the

long-running musical *South Pacific*. Then, on his first day in Los Angeles, Weston landed a part in television soap, *Gunslinger*. He went on to appear in *The Untouchables*, as well as getting small parts in the movies, including the sinister butler in the Jerry Lewis comedy, *It's Only Money* (1962).

His scowling face, if not his name, became recognisable, in shadowy roles in two Steve McQueen-Norman Jewison pictures: *The Cincinnati Kid* (1965) and *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1968) and as a nasty gunman after Gregory Peck in *Mirage* (1965). But his most menacing performance came in *Wait Until Dark* (1967) as one of a pair of murderous hoodlums in search of a doll stuffed with heroin in terrified blind woman Audrey Hepburn's house. Obviously, Hollywood in the 1960s, the era "the beautiful people", saw nothing amusing in Weston's plump features.

Things changed in the 1970s where he was able to exploit his comic gifts for rather dependent down-trodden types, both on stage and screen. On tour in Neil Simon's *The Last Of The Red Hot Lovers* (1970),

he played a middle-aged seafood restaurant owner who dreams of having a passionate affair, and finds he gets involved with three different women before deciding to go home to mother. He also played two roles in Simon's *California Suite* (1978).

Weston's sweaty fluster twice proved an admirable foil to Burt Reynolds' cool mock-macho brawn. In *Fizz* (1972), they were two of the most incompetent policemen since the Keystone Kops who, at one stage, have to dress as nuns. In *Gator* (1976), Weston is the inept Jewish federal agent sent to work with moonshine whisky-maker Reynolds.

However, it was the following year that he got top billing in Richard Lester's *The Ritz*, based on the Terrence McNally play, in which he had made such a hit on Broadway in 1975. Weston was hilarious as a straight man on the run, who takes refuge in a gay Manhattan bath-house where he is pursued by a "chubby chaser" (a homosexual who likes fat men), played on stage and screen by F Murray Abraham.

*The Four Seasons* (1981) Alan Alda's directorial debut, dealt with three middle-aged couples with shaky marriages. Weston and Rita Moreno were the funniest pair, with the former as a grumpy dentist, obsessed with his Mercedes, who falls into a frozen lake to be rescued by his friends.

Back on Broadway, Weston was nominated for a Tony award in Woody Allen's bitter-sweet *The Floating Lightbulb* (1981), in which he portrayed a seedy theatrical manager who, when asked if he is married, replies, "No, if you don't count my mother, there are no single women in my life." After the 1987 flop, *Leistat*, one of his last film roles was as the owner of the 1960s Catskills resort in *Dirty Dancing*, (1987) where Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey graced Weston, who had been suffering from lymphoma for six years, is survived by his wife, Laurie Gilkes.

Ronald Bergan

Jack Weston (Jack Weinstein), actor, born August 21, 1924; died April 3, 1996



Putting on The Ritz... Weston starred as a man on the run, taking refuge in gay Manhattan

## Birthdays

Richard Adams, author, 76; Alan Bennett, dramatist, 62; Candice Bergen, actress, 50; James L Brooks, film director, screenwriter, 68; Jr John Cook, director, *Inner Cities Young People's Project*, 58; Terry Downes, boxer, 60; Albert Finney, actor, director, 60; Linda Finnie, singer, 44; Carlo Maia Gullini, conductor, 82; Sanchez Gonzalez, tennis player, 68; Richard Houghton, racehorse trainer, 56; Henda Jackson, Labour MP/former actress, 80; Billy Joel/singer, 47; Sir Francis Kennedy, special adviser to the chairman, British Airways/0; Gavin Lyall, author, 4; Sir John McDermott, Ld Justice of Appeal, Northern Ireland, 69; Geradine McEwan, actress, 64; Brian McMaster, director, Edinburgh Festival, 53; Die Morrisey, saxophonist, 50; Joan Sims, actress, 68; Marc Sinden, actor and artistic director, Mermaid Theatre, 2.

## Death Notices

LAWRENCE, John Stewart, M, FRCP, May 20 1926; aged 69; Funeral at 11.30am, Crematorium, Friday 10th May 1996. Donations if wished to Parkinson's Society. Memorial service to be arranged.

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# Finance Guardian

CBI's regional survey points to further employment shake-out • Housing upturn is discounted

## Manufacturers to cut jobs

Sarah Ryle and Cliff Jones

**C**ITY forecasts of a significant upturn in the housing market which would boost the Government's ailing political fortunes were undermined last night by a report showing that a weak industrial recovery would lead to further job cuts.

There was no sign last night that rates would be moved up or down from their current 6 per cent level after the monthly monetary meeting between Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George.

Firms in Wales and Yorkshire & Humberside reported the steepest reductions, reflecting weaker export orders. Export orders were stronger than total orders in most regions except in the South-east and the North.

Despite the relatively positive outlook for orders in the South-east, employment expectations were much weaker. Mr Holt said that a further 4,000 manufacturing jobs would be lost, bringing the total to 10,000 in the first half of this year.

cent following four consecutive monthly rises from the Nationwide and Halifax building societies.

deputy governor, Howard Davies, was cautious about the housing recovery, although he said yesterday that there were signs of an "improved tone" in parts of the property market after the recent "very difficult" period.

### Notebook

## Rate-cut pressure keeps bubbling up



Edited by Alex Brummer

**D**ESPITE a considerable loss in confidence in manufacturing, as evident from the CBI regional survey, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is probably right to resist the pressure for quick interest rate cuts.

to have been due more to a sense of relief than a belief that Sainsbury will bounce back quickly.

## Ostrich firm given more time to answer seven DTI charges

**T**HE Ostrich Farming Corporation yesterday was given more time to prepare its defence against the Department of Trade's move to dissolve the company.

The Mansfield-based OFC — under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office — offered individuals the opportunity to invest in ostriches. But the DTI has serious concerns about the management and viability of the scheme.

With the OFC having been given 21 days to prepare evidence and the DTI having a further 14 days to reply, the case is not expected to be heard until the end of next month at the earliest.



## Direct Line is savaged in price war

Sarah Whitebloom

**P**ROFITS at Direct Line, the Royal Bank of Scotland's pioneer of telephone-only insurance policies, were nearly 90 per cent lower in the six months to the end of March than in the corresponding period last year.

The severe weather cost the insurer around £22 million, and downward pressure on prices as a result of new market entrants a further £25 million, the firm estimated.

News from the bank yesterday that the industry leader has been so badly hit sent shock waves through the insurance trade, which is waging a savage price war.

According to Direct Line, the slump resulted from a combination of tougher competition in the insurance market and the poor winter.

## Woman dials in to run One-2-One

Nicholas Bamister  
Technology Editor

**J**AN Peters, the American woman who has headed US West's mobile phone operations, is to take over as managing director of Mercury One-2-One in June when Richard Goswell leaves to take on the politically sensitive job of handling C&W's operations in South-east Asia and the Pacific.

group which is due to appoint a new chief executive later this month following the collapse of its merger talks with British Telecom.

Macao and the Chinese relationship," he said.

Nynex CableComms, Britain's second largest cable operator, is considering offering cheap phone rates for Internet users.



Wood... still optimistic

## Euro-sceptic George warns to EMU 'disaster' theme

Richard Thomas

**E**DDIE George, the governor of the Bank of England, bolstered his Euro-sceptic credentials yesterday by warning MPs that a politically-inspired rush to monetary union could spell economic disaster.

UK inflation, hinting that Britain may have more success ensuring price stability by remaining outside the remit of a European central bank.

## Eurotunnel shareholders name agent in battle to overturn board

Keith Harper  
Transport Editor

**M**ORE than 600 Eurotunnel shareholders yesterday braved a cold Calais wind to protest against a plan by the company's creditor banks to take over control of its fortunes in exchange for restructuring the Channel tunnel company's £2 billion debt.

hands of Eurotunnel's problems. "Two years and two days ago we inaugurated the tunnel with President Francois Mitterrand and Queen Elizabeth II. Today we can only rely on our own forces," he said.

## Relief for Lang as US power group admits bid defeat

Simon Pearce  
Industrial Editor

**S**OUTHERN Company of Atlanta, Georgia, yesterday admitted defeat in its fight for control of National Power, but said it still wanted to break into the electricity generation and supply market.

to stifle growing criticism from the Tory right of the Government's policy on the privatised utilities and to deter takeover bids from US companies like Southern.

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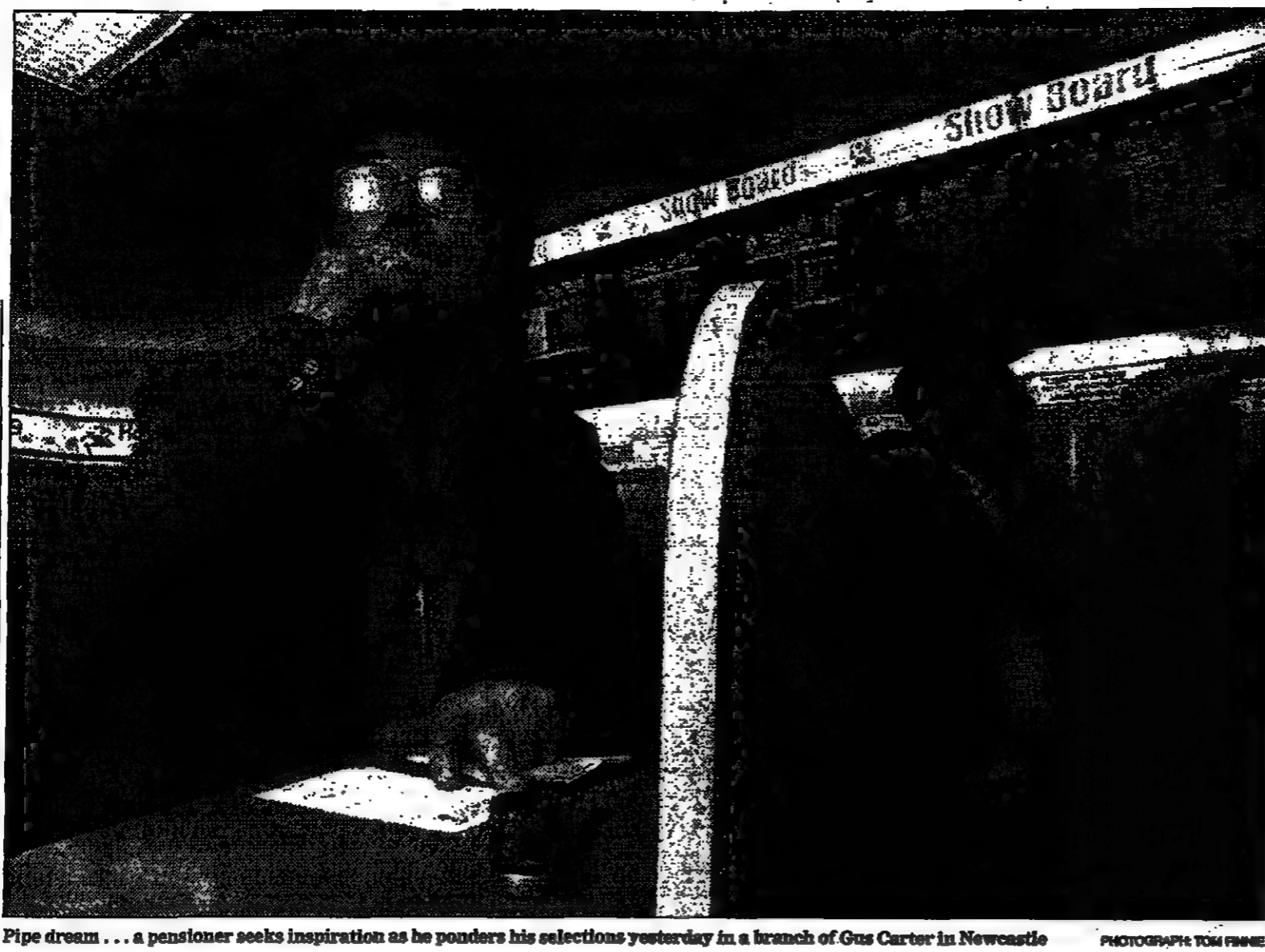
# Stanley places Carter in stable

**S**TANLEY Leisure, Britain's fourth biggest bookmaking chain, yesterday snapped up Gus Carter, the Sunderland-based bookmaker, in an agreed deal valuing the group at £14.7 million, writes Ian King.

Stanley, which attempted to buy Gus Carter before its flotation in May last year, said the group would make a good fit with its existing betting shops. Stanley is currently not represented in Gus Carter's North-east heartland.

The deal marks the end of an eventful year on the stock market for Gus Carter. The group's shares were floated at 80p each, but by last October they had sunk to 55p in the wake of a profit warning. Yesterday's deal values the shares at 83p a time.

The deal also provides a further windfall for brothers John and Nick Trevitt, who collected almost £2 million when Gus Carter was floated, and whose majority stake in the group is valued at just over £8 million under the terms of the sale.



Pipe dream... a pensioner seeks inspiration as he ponders his selections yesterday in a branch of Gus Carter in Newcastle. PHOTOGRAPH: TOM PAGE

# RTZ chiefs survive assault

**V**IOLENCE flared yesterday at the annual shareholder meeting of RTZ-CRA, the world's biggest mining company, when an environmental activist attempted to get on to the directors' podium.

The incident occurred towards the end of the two-and-a-quarter-hour meeting, at Westminster's Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, after RTZ's outgoing chairman, Sir Derek Birkin, ended the lengthy question-and-answer session that had dominated proceedings.

Amid protests from other environmentalists, angry at Sir Derek's refusal to take more questions, security guards dragged the man out. Calls to allow questions to continue were thwarted when Sir Derek revealed that he had proxy votes accounting for 364 million of the 355 million votes available.

Most of the questions came from supporters of groups including Friends of the Earth and the World Development Movement. PEB members quizzed RTZ's chief executive, Bob Wilson, on proposals for

a mineral mining project in Madagascar, which they say threatened rare species.

Mr Wilson said the project was still in its early stages, with a "whole range" of issues, including environmental and technical matters, yet to be resolved.

He said: "We don't even know if there's a commercially viable project there, so you're putting the cart before the horse a little bit. But we take all environmental consequences seriously."

Mr Wilson said that if the mine and other economic development were delayed, local people would continue to de-

plete the forests as they "eked out a living", bringing about the very destruction the environmentalists opposed.

Another activist claimed that there had recently been famines in the village where the mine would be based, claiming: "Your people are watching children starve to death."

Members of the WDM called on RTZ to sell its stake in Grasberg, a gold and copper mine in Irian Jaya, Indonesia, which is controlled by American mining group Freeport.

The pressure group has been running a campaign

against Freeport, which it claims has been responsible for human rights abuses, and has exploited local workers.

Mr Wilson said that a lot of the allegations relating to Freeport had been "pretty far-fetched" and that seven independent investigations had cleared Freeport of involvement in human rights abuses.

He said: "Freeport is committed to a new and more positive relationship with the local people over the next few years."

Other questions at the meeting related to RTZ's recent investment in Orinoco, a Colombian coal mine,

and the company's activities in North America.

There were also attacks on the continued presence on RTZ's board of British Gas chairman Richard Giordano and former Cabinet Secretary Lord Armstrong. One shareholder was applauded when she described the pair as part of "a cosy gang of professional non-executive directors".

Sir Derek responded: "They may be a gang, but they're sure as hell not cosy. We are kept very much 'toeing the line, and you will not find another company where corporate governance is stronger than here."

**Zeneca agrees German deal**

ZENECA said yesterday it agreed to sell its textile colours business to Germany's BASF for as much as £138 million, depending on final inventory valuation. BASF said the purchase expands its product lines, and integration of the new business will result in "considerably improved earnings potential". Zeneca's dye division made a "small loss" in 1995 on sales of about \$202 million, said its spokesman Steve Brown. — Bloomberg

# Whitbread's heavy investment in 'refined' future

**Outlook/Brewer is spending cash like water, writes Lisa Buckingham**

**I**F YOU cannot rely on a good dose of inflation to keep sales on the increase, and consumers remain loath to dip their hands into their pockets, the only way to keep shareholders happy is to buy extra business.

This solution has, of course, prompted some of the less edifying takeovers of recent years. But buying business does not necessarily mean buying someone else's business. As Whitbread demonstrated yesterday, it can also mean throwing hundreds of millions of pounds at what you already have in an effort to make it more appealing, more efficient and more profitable.

Not that Whitbread is averse to buying other people's businesses. In the last financial year it spent £380 million on two sizeable deals — the purchase of 16 Marriott hotels in the UK and David Lloyd Leisure.

The group also added Costa Coffee and would have spent

more than £1 billion on a load of mid-market hotels and estates owned by the Forte empire, had Granada's Gerry Robinson not cruelly swiped them from reach.

But Whitbread has also made a virtue of investing heavily in its existing operations, in an effort to part more people from a larger proportion of their money. Last year, the company spent about £245 million — £100 million more than the year before — and it expects to spend more than £400 million in 1996/97. That is £1.30 of investment for every £1 of profit generated. And it is in the region of three and a half times what the group probably needs to spend to sustain its existing revenue streams.

The group's name may still be associated with beer, and its office headquarters are still based at The Brewery in London, but it is more than a decade since Whitbread was a company just making beer and selling it through its own pubs. Ever since the sale of beer to pubs started in the early 1980s, Whitbread has added concept after concept in the hunt for replacement consumers. First came off-licence sales, then pub restaurants such as Beefeater and Brewers Fayre, followed

by fully fledged eateries such as Pizza Hut and TGI Fridays. A move into hotels was seen as a natural progression and the David Lloyd purchase was an attempt to tap into the wider leisure market. As the chart shows, Whitbread is seeking to capitalise on what it regards as an inevitable shift away from the traditional 'spit-and-sawdust' community boozers towards more refined venues which cater for women and families.

This can only be spurred by the continued impact of cross-border beer sales, believed to account for something like 3 per cent of the total UK market, which chief executive, Peter Jarvis, estimates could reach 10 per cent by the turn of the century.

But when one of our major brewers can talk nonchalantly about building more nursery schools, it is clear how far the search for new consumers has taken it.

And although group debt has risen 10-fold to £262 million, Whitbread cannot be ruled out as a potential bidder for a regional brewer, Carlsberg-Tetley, Pizza Express, Harry Ramsden's or the Welcome Break service stations, now part of Granada.

Yet the group showed in a different way only last month that you do not have to buy a business to get what you want. Whitbread has just secured a 20-year licensing deal for 6X, one of the country's best-selling, cash-conditioned ales, with Wadworth, the Devon-based brewer.

Whitbread gets its hands on the brand and, in return, Wadworth gets to retain its local identity and its family

brewing business. A spin-off benefit is that Wadworth becomes practically immune to takeover. The messages has apparently not been lost on other regional brewers, a number of which are understood to have been in touch with Whitbread recently.

Without the cost and bother of taking stakes, the company looks for all the world as though it is in the process of re-creating the Whitbread umbrellas — the post-war scheme to buy shares in regional brewers to protect them from unwanted takeover.

**European merger will create the world's biggest 'temp' agency**

The two companies stressed the amicable nature of the deal which is being carried out through an offer from the smaller company, Adia, for the shares in ECCO.

Philippe Foriel-Destèbes, the chairman and founder of ECCO, will emerge with 28 per cent of the merged group, while Adia chairman Klaus Jacobs' Adia Jacobs Holdings will control 29 per cent.

Mr Foriel-Destèbes said: "The geographic strengths of our respective businesses are exceptionally complementary and will enable the enlarged group to form a leading worldwide personnel services network."

Mr Jacobs added: "While the merger will unlock substantial long-term value for the shareholders of both our companies, we also believe strongly that there are significant benefits to be gained for our clients and colleagues."

# The Underside

**Dan Atkinson**

**A**T LEAST the chaps at Great George Street are of one mind on the single-currency. May Day saw Three Pinks testify thus to the Treasury Select Committee: "I am sympathetic to monetary union... The theory that EMU inevitably leads to some super-state is a myth... I do not think economic and monetary union is any threat to the continued existence of the nation state."

A few hours later, the Paymaster-General, David Heathcoat-Amory, speaking in a Commons debate on the European central bank, declared: "Stage three of economic and monetary union would entail the transfer of decision-making about interest rates and monetary policy from the Bank of England and the Chancellor to the European central bank. That would be an irreversible transfer of decision-making." But don't award Mr Heathcoat-Amory the Hero of the Resistance medal just yet; he is lined up as official apologist for

the Government's endorsement of powers allowing a new Brussels anti- fraud department to search without warrant any business premises in the country.

**T**REASURY pronouncements were handled rather more professionally in the old days. Michael Fynn, one of its longest-serving spokesmen, remembers the drama of devaluation in November 1967. The news had been timed for a tiny slice of the clock on Saturday evening — "9.27, or something" — when, it was calculated, there was no currency trading anywhere in the world.

Mike carried the statement in a sealed box to the Central Office of Information, with him went a security man carrying an identical box "in case I fell down dead". He didn't, moving on to spend 13 years as spokesman for the now-defunct Civil Service Department, after which he did a spell at state-owned British Airways, raising the profile of a little-known businessman called Sir John King. Then the education department, followed by what is now the Office for National Statistics, the font of all economic data. Come November, 29 years after devaluation, he will be gone, and next Thursday sees the first of a rolling programme of leaving buses. Much as we hate to quote a rival, it is hard to improve on the comment of the Times in 1968: "The one man who knew where everything was."

**T**HE residual elements of the defunct employment department, now nestling under Gillian Shephard's wing at Education, are still smarting from the loss of their beloved unemployment data to the above-mentioned Mr Fynn and his Office for National Statistics. The ONS, it seems, oc-

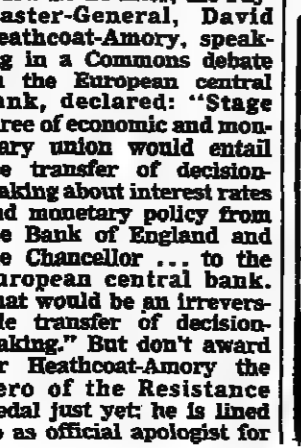
asionally puts an unhelpful spin on the monthly releases (he tells the truth). The ONS rule that no politicians see the figures until precisely 36 hours before publication is proving particularly annoying, and employment minister Eric Forth is constantly demanding an earlier viewing to give him more time to work out a line (sorry, to digest the economic implications). So far, the number-crunchers have been holding firm against the Forth, but as one ONS insider put it: "He is an aggressive chap." Except he didn't quite say "chap".

**M**EANWHILE, Old Labour is taking on a new meaning as elements in the party sniff out yet another monstrous injustice. It seems that basic state pension payments begin the Monday after the recipient reaches retirement age. No problem if your birthday is on a Sunday, but hard lines if it falls on a Tuesday. So the movement is rallying behind the crusade to refund those suffering from the wrong kind of birthdays? Not exactly. Gordon Brown and his team are unconvincingly about spending £14 million to solve a problem

of which most people are entirely unaware.

**F**ORGET the coke-smorting City dealers of popular most at risk from the Square Mile police are cannabis-loving roof peacefully wending their way by car to parties either up-town or south of the river. In days gone by they had little to fear, but the revived ring of steel has changed all that. Confronted with armed checkpoints, the party animals frantically stuff their paraphernalia under the seats, ensuring maximum attention from the BUI. There has been a substantial increase in the number of arrests, according to the police at Old Jewry. Most, however, have a happy-ish ending: a caution, rather than an appearance before the City bench.

**A** BIG feel-good factor in the legal profession, thanks to Coopers & Lybrand, whose legal bills are running at £1 million a month. Some is down to residual action from Maxwell pensioners, but the big one is the writ from Barings liquidators; Coopers audited the bank that liked to say "Yes, Nick".



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Racing

Quinn motors to Cup win on Merit

Jimmy Quinn may never become a household name, but the racing fraternity know him as the hardest working jockey in the business and on his 324th ride of the season he won the Tote Chester Cup on Merit yesterday.

Contrary to tactics in most staying events, the secret of Merit's Cup is to be hardy throughout. Cole told Quinn to keep in touch with the leaders and kick on before the straight to capitalise on the colt's light weight.

his confidence they're going the right way about it. "To my mind, he didn't do anything wrong and I'd have to have told him so. He went for the same gap as Al's Ahbi, who was off balance, and just a touch sent him halfway across the track."



Up for the cup... Merit and Jimmy Quinn come home well clear of the opposition in yesterday's Chester Cup

Brighton

- 2.30 Wait For Noone
2.50 Daily Mail
2.55 College Night (alt)

- 2.20 IMPROVED BY JAMES WELLS MAIDEN STAKES 5YO M 11yo 21,117
1 JOY VICTORY (11) D Cooper 4-1-15
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0
3 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0

- 3.20 BRISTOL FESTIVAL HANDICAP 5YO M 21yo 23,281
10-42E ORANGE LAUREL (17) D Cooper 4-1-15
10-30E OFFICE HOUR (18) D Cooper 4-1-15

- 3.50 JIM VICTORY MAIDEN HANDICAP 5YO M 11yo 21,117
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
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Hamilton tonight

- 6.30 PIZZA HOT HANDICAP 5YO M 21yo 23,281
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Sedgefield NH tonight

- 6.15 Classic Crest
6.45 Juv Cuntard Hunters' Chase
6.55 Sedgefield Handicap

- 7.15 GEORGE CARPENTER MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE 5YO M 21yo 23,281
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- 7.45 JOHN WARD GROUP OF COMPANIES BELLING HANDICAP HARVILE CHASE FINAL 11yo 21yo 27,900
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
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- 8.15 DUDLEY DUKES ANTIQUE FAIR NOVICES' CHASE 5YO M 11yo 21,117
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Southwell (A.W.)

- 2.00 Curve Too Marston's
2.30 BR of Princess
3.00 Princess Belle

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1 JOY VICTORY (11) D Cooper 4-1-15
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- 4.00 BAYON HANDICAP 5YO M 11yo 21,117
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0

Hampton tonight

- 6.30 PIZZA HOT HANDICAP 5YO M 21yo 23,281
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0

- 7.15 GEORGE CARPENTER MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE 5YO M 21yo 23,281
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Chester with TV form

- 2.10 Sweet Pastoral
2.40 Price Giving
2.10 GLOIOUS ARAGON (cont)

From Left members best, 4 Dundee Millers, George Grant. Figures in brackets after horse's name denote days since last racing.

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- 3.10 WAYMAN-HALES HANDICAP 5YO M 11yo 21,117
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0

- 3.40 ORMOND STAKES (Cont) 5YO M 11yo 21,117
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0

- 4.10 WYNN HANDICAP 7YO M 12yo 23,282
1 JIMMY QUINN (13) J Lewis 9-2-0
2 BELIEVE DOUBLE (12) J Lewis 9-2-0

- 4.40 BAYON HANDICAP 5YO M 11yo 21,117
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Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Horse Name, Jockey, and Odds. Includes results for Chester, Brighton, Southwell, and Hamilton.

Prize Giving time for Wragg

GOFF WRAGG saddled the top class Pentire to win the Dee Stakes at Chester last season and tries for a repeat performance today with Prize Giving (2.40).

It is unlikely that Prize Giving is the same colt as his illustrious stable companion, but he won a handicap under a big weight very easily at the Newmarket Craven meeting and looks to be on the upgrade.

Glorious Aragon (3.10) is an interesting proposition in the Wynn Handicap. He is fancied for the Eaton Handicap.

Chris Hawkins third behind Mister Joleon from an impossible draw at Sandown recently and has one of the favoured low numbers today.

That grand stayer Further Flight would be a popular winner of the Ormonde Stakes, but as a 10-year-old he cannot be improving and is more likely to be a runner-up in the Doncaster St. Leger last season, is just preferred.

Results

CHESTER
2.10 (7yo) 1. HIGH SPEED, J. Fortune (20-1); 2. My Galaxy (15-1); 3. Missa Pigeon (10-1); 4. My Galaxy (15-1); 5. My Galaxy (15-1); 6. My Galaxy (15-1); 7. My Galaxy (15-1); 8. My Galaxy (15-1); 9. My Galaxy (15-1); 10. My Galaxy (15-1).

BRIGHTON
2.50 (5yo) 1. JIMMY QUINN, J. Lewis (9-2); 2. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 3. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 4. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 5. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 6. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 7. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 8. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 9. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 10. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2).

SOUTHWELL
3.40 (5yo) 1. JIMMY QUINN, J. Lewis (9-2); 2. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 3. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 4. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 5. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 6. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 7. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 8. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 9. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 10. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2).

HAMILTON
6.30 (5yo) 1. JIMMY QUINN, J. Lewis (9-2); 2. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 3. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 4. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 5. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 6. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 7. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 8. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 9. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2); 10. BELIEVE DOUBLE, J. Lewis (9-2).

Additional racing results and commentary from various tracks, including mentions of horses like Further Flight and Mister Joleon.

Soccer

John Duncan on the legacy of Trevor Phillips, the FA commercial director who resigned on Tuesday

What England owes clever Trevor

IF THERE was anyone who appeared to be driving the Football Association's dash towards commercialism it was Trevor Phillips...

So what does he leave behind? Certainly the coffers of the FA are fuller than ever before. In one 12-month period he took the FA's income from England royalties from less than £500,000 to £3.5 million...

There were of course those who said he achieved that by selling the family silver. The FA Cup would never have a title sponsor, he said. But we are now supposed to watch the FA Cup (sponsored by Littlewoods) final on Saturday...

Phillips won his battle after threatening to pull England out of Wembley. The contract was renegotiated and, while Wembley still makes a tidy pile out of the England team, the FA does too.

opened the doors of the safe for the FA and Phillips led them through. The Littlewoods contract for the FA Cup is said to be worth £14 million over four years...

£6 million and Umbro's six-year kit deal was worth £15 million. But one also sensed that Phillips felt a little underappreciated by the FA...



Wembley wizards... Ted Croker and Sir Bert Millichip

been murmurs of discontent over the power. Phillips was starting to wind up. When Phillips signed a deal to give ITV the FA Cup final...

And there were occasional forays into the small-time thinking that had been part of the FA's inglorious commercial past...

Cricket

Tour match Worcs v Indians

Rathore video to run and run

David Hoppe at Worcester

IT WAS difficult to ascertain yesterday whether India were preparing for a series against England or MIS. Alongside one sightscreen a video camera spied upon their every move...

Lloyd's reputation has been not so much that of George Smiley as of Theo Acerrington Prankster, but he is deadly serious about the benefits of sound reconnaissance. India will be filmed in all matches leading up to the Texaco Trophy...

Rathore has been described by India's selectors as "half a Tendulkar", which may sound to us like damning with faint praise but which, in India, translates as a demigod. Yesterday he batted as if he were twice a Tendulkar...

Venables faith in a winger and two prayers

David Lacey

WITH the European Championship 50 days away Terry Venables is putting his faith in a winger and a couple of prayers.

The winger is Darren Anderton, recalled to the squad for the friendly against Hungary on Saturday week which will be England's last game at Wembley before they open the tournament against Switzerland on June 8.

The prayers concern the continued return to fitness of Alan Shearer and Tony Adams, both of whom are included despite not having played in league matches for their clubs following operations.

THE CLASS OF EURO '96

PROBABLES Goalkeepers Seaman, Flowers, Walker. Defenders G Neville, Jones, Pearce, P Neville, Adams, M Wright, Southgate, Campbell.

Out of the fan pan into Chinese fire

Martin Thorpe

ONE OF the reasons Terry Venables chose China for England's final Euro '96 warm-up games was to deter fans from flying out and causing trouble. He could find himself out of luck.

The England coach has delayed announcing his squad for the Far East trip until next week, which means he is prepared to keep his options open a little longer.

On his return from Beijing, where he has been conducting a more exhaustive pitch inspection than Dickie Bird, Venables will check Pallister's fitness with Alex Ferguson, United's manager.

Robert Lee, Jamie Redknapp, Dennis Wise, Jason Wilcox, Peter Beardsley and Nick Barnby could all be chasing one place in the final squad of 22. Even David Platt's position is not completely secure, though he has to be among the probabilities.

Bonetti takes Laws to court

IVANO BONETTI is to sue Grimsby's manager Brian Laws after the dressing-room incident that left the Italian winger with a broken cheekbone.

Results

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP Final PFC Goranovci (YU) 1-0 Rapid Vienna (A) 0-0



Red peril... Manchester United loosen up at Old Trafford yesterday in preparation for the FA Cup final against Liverpool

Ferguson draws back veil on last summer's Paris accord Mark Redding on the restoration job that could result in a Double encore

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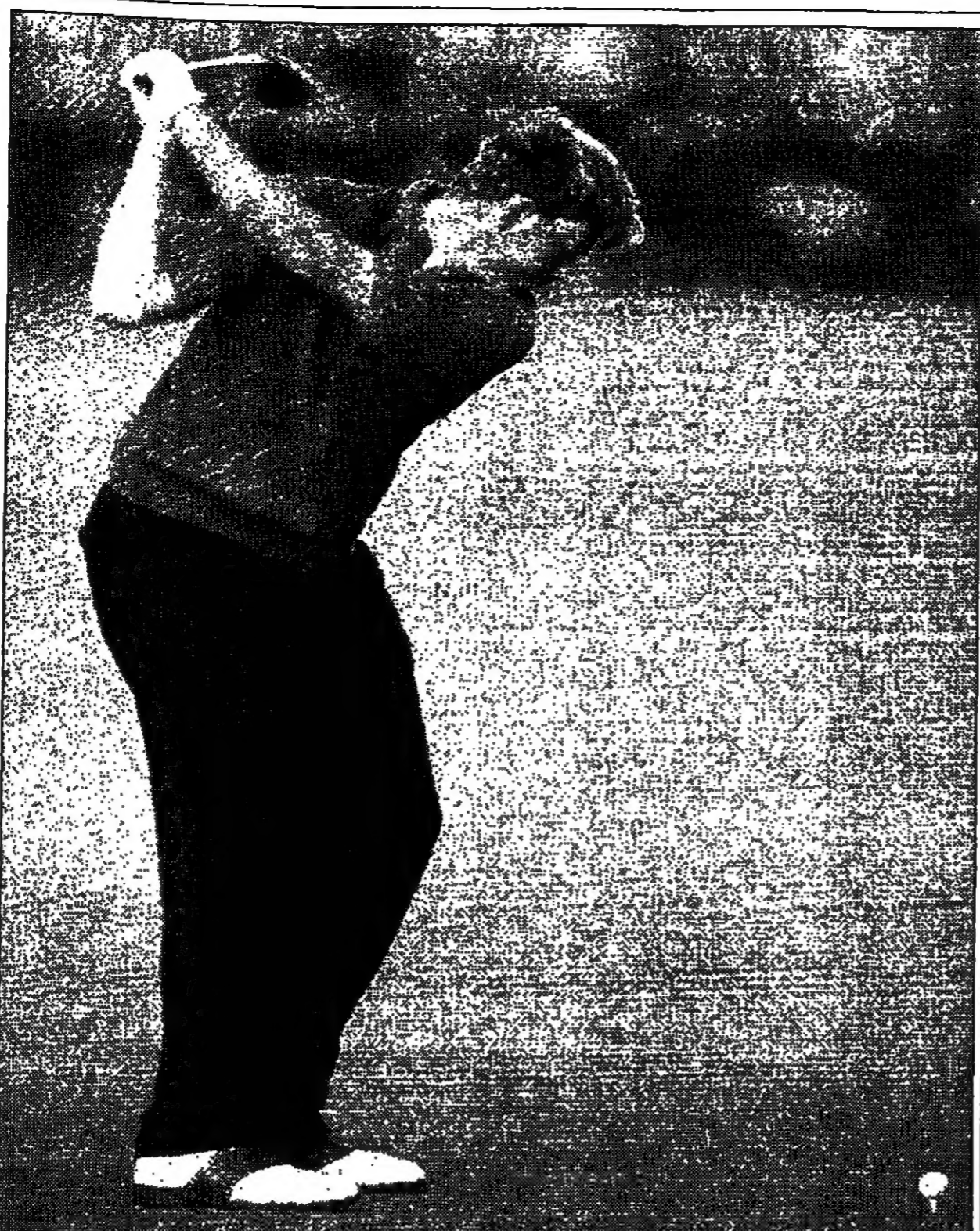
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Sherry... mature It is a place so malevolent that young professionals ought to be blindfolded before being escorted there, preferably by two huge minders



Swing low... Gordon Sherry is going from being a dominant amateur to just another European Tour rookie DAVID CANNON

Sherry to repel attack of killer Bs

THIS morning Gordon Sherry puts his big foot in it — both feet, in fact, as the reigning Amateur champion and his size 13s step into the world of professional golf and he makes his debut in the Scottish PGA at Dalnabay.

Sherry is going from being a dominant player in one field to just another rookie who has a lot to learn in another. Some players make what is an exceptionally difficult transition with some ease; others fall completely.

Sherry will quickly find out that just travelling the European Tour is a complicated and exhausting process with problems of language, currency and cuisine.

Furthermore he can do it with buckets of brand-new, first-class balls, brought to him by his caddie, hitting them mostly off good turf and in half-decent weather.

wrong with Sandy Lyle and could put him right in 10 minutes, given the chance. They could do ditto with Severiano Ballesteros and many of them tried, with the result that at one Belgian Open his caddie of that time, Billy Foster, wrote out a placard and rested it against the Spaniard's bag while he was hitting balls.

Ballesteros plays down his reign in Spain

months off during the winter and spent most of yesterday preparing the ground for failure.

That, of course, was the Dubai Classic, which he won. Yet he will need to win at least a couple more if he is to have the Volvo Order of Merit for the fourth successive year, although to be third, as he is at present behind Ian Woosnam and last week's winner Jim Payne, is impressive given his lack of European success.

Like Ballesteros, he is concerned about Jose-Maria Olazabal, who has the lead in the Volvo Order of Merit for the next two as well.

Paris, meanwhile, were waiting anxiously on the outcome of last night's French Open semi-finals involving Villaverde, XIII Catalan, Limoux and St Estève.

than the five or six I need." Like Ballesteros, he is concerned about Jose-Maria Olazabal, who has the lead in the Volvo Order of Merit for the next two as well.

Hockey Olympic women to elect their own captain

THE CAPTAINCY of the Great Britain women's team at Atlanta was left open when the 16-strong squad for the Games was named yesterday. The captain and vice-captain will be decided by a vote of the 16 players when they meet at Lilleshall in a fortnight's time for training and two matches against Argentina.

Sport in brief

United States. He denied taking any banned substance and asked for a second test sample to be analysed.

Equestrianism

Claire McAuley, 26, from Surrey, won her first Royal Windsor Horse Show event yesterday, writes John Kerr.

Snooker

Peter Ebdon, the Embassy world championship runner-up and now world No. 3, will partner John Parrott (No. 4) and Nigel Bond (No. 5) for England at the revived World Cup in Bangkok in October, writes Clive Everton.

Athletics

Japan's champion sprinter Yoshitaka Ito, 25, has been banned for four years after failing a drug test. He tested positive for a muscle-building substance, methyltestosterone, when random-tested in March while training in the

Rugby Union RFU raises stakes in Five Nations row

Robert Armstrong TWICKENHAM moved swiftly yesterday to head off a potential breakdown by England players by promising to arrange new international fixtures were England to be banned from the Five Nations Championship.

England's independent talks with Sky which resulted in last month's offer of separate TV contracts to each of the four home unions, have seriously undermined the RFU's standing on the Five Nations Committee.

Certainly the RFU seems to have seriously miscalculated in hoping the unions would be mollified by Sky's substantial offer, ranging between £26 million and £40 million over five years.

Back stands trial for final push

NEIL BACK, the Leicester flank forward, will face disciplinary action following his alleged push on the referee Steve Lander at the end of last Saturday's Pilkington Cup final.

front-row forwards Graham Rowntree, Richard Cockerill and Darren Garforth at Welford Road until the next century.

Both have pulled out of the Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham on Saturday. The club captain Phil de Glanville said: "We can't get a team together. Most of the squad are affected by examinations, holidays, injuries or unavailability. It's a game too far."

Rugby League Leeds ready to launch their new pair in Paris

Leeds ready to launch their new pair in Paris

Tennis LTA woos Ghana with Wimbledon

Ghana are to be invited to play their Davis Cup tie with Britain at Wimbledon in July. Yesterday Ian Peacock, the Lawn Tennis Association's chief executive, confirmed that David Lloyd's idea of Britain hosting the Euro Africa Group Two tie would be taken up.

Spain's Arantza Sanchez Vicario, last year's runner-up, had an easy 6-2, 6-3 win over the No. 2 seed, Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria and the No. 9 Judith Wiesner of Austria put out the local hope Francesca Lubiani 6-4, 6-1.

Badminton England players shun world team cups for Olympic ideal

Richard Inge THREE leading players have refused to play for England in the finals of the Thomas and Uber Cups in Hong Kong next week.

Cricket News and Scores

Table with 2 columns: Counties, Scores. Includes Derbyshire 51, Middlesex 40, Durham 32, Northants 41, Essex 33, Nottingham 42, Glamorgan 34, Somerset 43, Gloucestershire 35, Surrey 44, Hampshire 36, Sussex 45, Kent 37, Warwickshire 46, Lancashire 38, Worcester 47, Leics 39, Yorkshire 48.

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## RUGBY: LEAGUE RULES AT LEAGUE RULES IN HISTORIC CLASH OF CODES

### Wigan power takes Bath apart



Passing through... Horton skims past Waters of Bath to cross for Wigan's second touchdown

MICHAEL STEELE

Richard Williams sees one champion team humbled by another in an 82-6 rout at Maine Road

THEY ARE bigger, stronger, fitter and faster. We knew that already. But on this evidence rugby league's finest also run with greater cunning, pass the ball more sweetly and kick to considerably more damaging effect than the champions of the union code.

Country, Jonathan Callard's second-half try and conversion represented the only reply that a willing but generally bemused Bath could muster to Wigan's 16 tries (six of them to Martin Offiah) and nine conversions, although they can console themselves with the £500,000 which the sides will share for their participation in the series.

After all, when representatives of both codes met each other twice during the Second World War, the games were played with 15 men a side and the league team won both.

ions of this meeting, their game will be raised to presently unimagined levels of excellence and excitement. And if the absent Jeremy Guscott could be persuaded to show in the course of an entire season as much invention as Wigan's mesmerising Jason Robinson showed in this one match, then he would be a far more effective player.

liantly in from the right touchline, Terry O'Connor and Henry Paul set Martin Offiah loose down the left. Evading the tackles of Audley Lumden and Adebayo Adebayo, he touched down in the corner. Andy Farrell converted.

Johnson, Farrell was allowed to rest, giving way to the boot of Martin Hall.

Scott Quinnesl had barely arrived on the pitch before he was sauntering over the line. Hall's missed kick looked like an act of mercy and evoked a response from Adebayo, whose spirited counter-attack led to a drop-goal chance for Mike Catt. The South African called for the ball in space on the 30-metre line, plumb in front of the posts, but those who have followed his England career were hardly surprised to see him miss.

A minute later he attempted to make amends with a pass to Andy Robinson 10 metres out, but the Bath loose forward dropped the ball with the line at his mercy. Craig Murdock's try five minutes before half-time rubbed in the failure, and Hall's accuracy returned. Offiah ended the half as he had begun it, taking Wigan to a lead of 52-0 with Hall's aid.

And so it went on... Wigan's first two ball-carriers were each met by a solid phalanx of three tacklers, but within three minutes they had taken the lead. After Jason Robinson had jinked bril-

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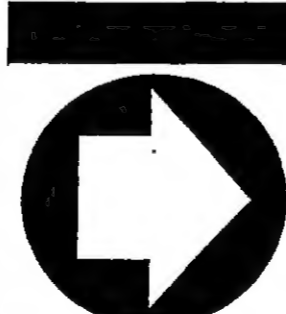
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In 1968 Andy Warhol was shot by a feminist playwright furious at him for not recognising her talent. Now the incident has been turned into a film, and former Warhol protégé Stephen Holden says it captures the creepiness of the Factory set. Screen



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## An argument that is largely academic



Vincent Hanna

LABOUR launched its policy on a British Academy of Sport yesterday and Mr Bolenciewicz came to mind, along with the economics professor who went choo choo.

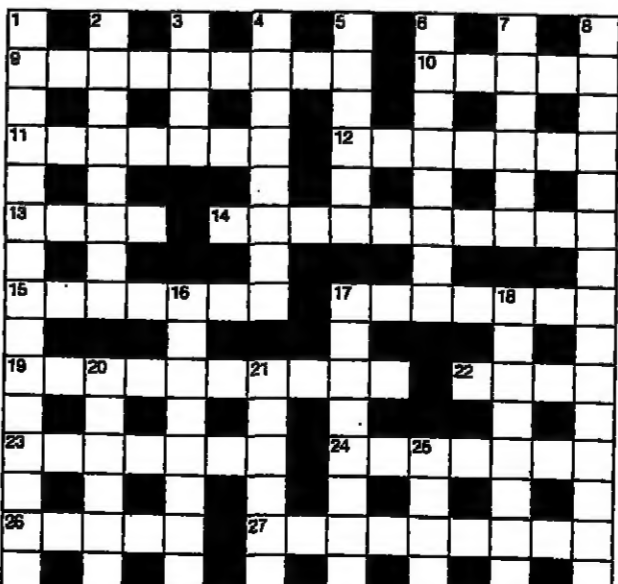
Sproat Peadry will not throw out the whole idea just because Iain Tom said it first. But I am on a different point. What I find sad about this wrangle is the half-hearted approach to education. Running through our society is an assumption that somehow sporting excellence compensates for semi-literacy.

Labour proposed a new residential "Academy of Sport" providing "a focal point... in co-ordinating the facilities that already exist up and down the country". It would be funded by lottery money.

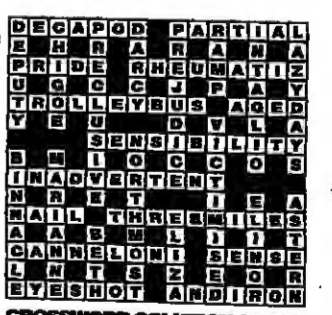
THE US system, with all its faults, knits its athletes far better into society. Talented youngsters can transform their lives with scholarships. Entrance to professional football and basketball is through college.

### Guardian Crossword No 20,648

Set by Fawley



- Across**
- 9 It's some months before the new issue is due (8)
  - 10 Do out off a sexual urge, making an excuse (5)
  - 11 Tends to be in church, to achieve purity (7)
  - 12 Discussing the West, one gets things rusty (7)
  - 13 Eagerly anticipating a turn, start to grin (4)
  - 14 The state a girl's in, perhaps over a gangster? (10)
  - 15 Dextrous, overcoming multinational's shortfall (7)
  - 17 Recently adopting a breezy manner? (7)
  - 19 Newlywed almost charged in ahead, to see part of house - (6-4)
  - 22 --you'll see it in a twinkling (4)
  - 23 Making slow progress? CV is distributed round America (7)
  - 24 Leader of Welsh 'as a limp, and is unsteady (7)
- Down**
- 1 Place's off -- food shop has extremely urgent message (7,8)
  - 2 We pull up a plant -- a weird hybrid (8)
  - 3 A rejection from Paris with no signature (4)
  - 4 Influence each other in one place, overcoming hesitation (8)
  - 5 Do your best to contain an argument, all over a proverb (6)
  - 6 Remain an exuberant personification of France (8)
  - 7 Sign of '14's having to restrain a spiteful woman? (6)
  - 8 Annual event here gives regular donation (8,7)



- CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,647**
- 1 Billy the joker has to study -- only pupil in trouble! (8)
  - 17 Dancers may use fancy version of this 12-inch opus (8)
  - 18 I offer accommodation where the Loire flows (8)
  - 20 Face the sixth philosopher? (6)
  - 21 Cut out the City -- take it easy during it (6)
  - 25 Labour anticipates this vital new issue (4)

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